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ABOUT BLANCHE K. BRUCE.

STORIES OF HIS FIRST APPEARANCE IN THE SENATE.

How He First Met Senator Bogy, of Missouri, and How He Met Him Afterwards—A Remarkable Life.

Washington, D. C., Special to the Indianapolis News. The Hon. Blanche K. Bruce, Register of the Treasurer, who died March 17, was for many years the foremost Afro-American in this country. During the reconstruction days he was elected to the United States Senate by the Legislature of Mississippi, and while serving in that body demonstrated his fitness for the honor which had been conferred upon him.

One of the most entertaining incidents illustrative of the progress from poverty to position and power in this republic was narrated to-day by a former committee clerk of the Senate. He said:

"I went on the floor of the Senate one day to see Senator Spencer, who was chairman of the committee of which I was the clerk, and was present when Senator Bogy, of Missouri, introduced himself to Senator Bruce, of Mississippi.

"Senator Bogy was a proud, aristocratic gentleman, descended from one of the old pioneer French families of the Mississippi valley. He was a man of distinguished presence, superior ability, extensive travel and social culture. He was unable to accept with grace the changed conditions which made the Negro equal with the white man before the law. It was incomprehensible to him that the freedmen were human, or so approximately human as to attain distinction in national affairs; and yet there was evidence before his eyes, most exasperating evidence, that the negro was developing into citizenship, and also into statemanship. There, on the Republican side of the Senate chamber, sat Blanche K. Bruce, of Mississippi, a member of that body, with all of its rights, privileges, honors and emoluments, and possessing a vote upon all matters fully equal to his own.

"He never recognized Bruce, never spoke to him, never associated with him and even expressed surprise that his Republican colleagues would recognize the ex-slave. To him Bruce was not elevated to his equality by having been elected to the Senate by a sovereign State. On the contrary, although he occupied a seat on the floor of the legislative chamber, Bruce was, to Bogy, nothing more nor less than a Negro, and nothing could alter that fact. His complexion was light, he was gentlemanly, courteous and dignified, but was a Negro and his hair was kinky.

"Although they passed and repassed each other in the corridors of the Capitol, in hotel lobbies, in the Senate chamber and in the restaurant. Senator Bogy never noticed the gentleman of inferior race. In fact, I have been told that on one occasion, when Senator Bruce entered the Senate restaurant for lunch, Senator Bogy left the room without finishing his well-prepared dinner.

"Indeed, when Bruce came to Washington his reception was such that everybody in the Senate would have felt more confortable with an overcoat on; it was so chilly. No man was ever received more coldly. But, as he stod before the Vice-President and took the oath of office, it was plainly apparent that he was the proudest man under the dome of the Capitol, and it was soon manifest that he was determined to demonstarte that he was a peer of the proudest and best. He was quiet, handsome, distinguished in appearance and exceptionally unobstrusive. John Sherman and Roscoe Conkling were theonly men there who received him with any degree of warmth, and they were both presidential candidates.

"As I said, I had entered the Senate to see Senator Spencer, and was conversing with him, when I noticed the distinguished Senator from Missouri walking around the rear of the desks to the Republican side. He slowly and deliberately walked down the aisle past me, and touching Senator Bruce on the shoulder, said: "Senator, I believe we have never met before, but I want to introduce myself, as I have some business matters to lay before you.' Bruce arose, with a courtly bow, took the offered hand, and said: 'I am very glad to meet you, Senator Bogy, and am at your service.' They went together to the rear of the desks, sat down upon one of the big, leather-covered sofas, and conversed earnestly for some time. When they parted they shook hands, smiled and seemed to be the best of friends.

"Well, a long time afterward, Senator Bruce told us all about it. He said: 'Bogy had a bill pending which was of great importance to himself. It was for the improvement of the Missouri river, and, after he had counted noses, as the saying is, he found that his bill might be defeated by one or two votes, so he wanted to get me to help him through with it. He told me all about it; how important it was to him, and asked me to vote for the bill, at the same time asssuring me that he would feel under obligations, and would do anything in his power for me whenever called upon. He treated me as a brother Senator, and I promptly responded in a similar spirit.

"'I told him that I had considered the bill, believed that it was not a bad measure, and, as a Southwestern Senator, felt that I ought to stand by him, and that I would vote for his bill. He was delighted and radiant when I not only promised him my vote, but also agreed to help him to a couple of other votes, as it seemed that I could do, and as I afterward suceeded in doing. But just as he was leaving me I told him he was mistaken in saying that he had never met me before. That surprised him, and he sat down with me again while I told him of our first meeting. It is a true story, and has something of a funny nature, too. I said:

"Senator Bogy, one hot afternoon, about a dozen years ago, when you were a member of Congress and one of the most distinguished men in your State, you were hurrying down Olive street, St. Louis, to catch a departing steamer. Owing to your avoirdupois you were making slow progress, and your speed was diminished also because you were carrying a heavy valise. You would have missed the boat but for the good fortune which threw in your way a young athletic nigger boy, to whom you offered a quarter of a dollar to carry the valise to the boat.

"The boy jumped at the chance, for he evidently needed the money. You hastened on, and the young nigger shouldered the valise and tagged along close to your heels until the boat was reached. She was already pulling out into the stream, but her wheels stopped when her captain saw that Congressman Bogy was coming, and a plank was thrown cut, and you rushed aboard. The boat proceeded, but the boy held on to the valise. For no other man in St. Louis would that boat have returned to the wharf, but for you she turned around and came back. As she neared her mooring place you shouted, 'Throw that valise aboard, you black rascal.' The boy replied: 'First throw me my quarter.' You threw him a half-dollar, with an oath, and the valise was chucked aboard and the steamer proceeded, and you were very angry and shook your first at that pocr fellow, but he merely laughed and went away. That poor fellow was hard up, and that half-dollar was as big as a water-wheel to him, for it bought him a good ten-cent supper that night. I was that boy, Senator, so you see we have met before."

"'I was never more pleased with anything in my life,' said Senator Bruce, 'than with the manner in which Senator Bogy received the story. He laughed immodestly, and told me that it illustrated the possibilities of this republic. He said that I deserved more credit than any white boy would have deserved, for I had risen from a lower social and intellectual level than white boys of my age at that time. He became one of my very best friends, and we lunched together several times in the restaurant and instead of retaining his old-time prejudices, he tried to banish them, but that was impossible. He was too old to change the ideas of a life-time, and I did not blame him. I always liked him, and have regarded him as one of the greatest men of his age. The race or caste distinctions in this country are almost ineradicable.

"'When Senator Bogy told me that I deserved credit for having risen from such lowly conditions, I told him another story. It was this: When I was a candidate for sheriff of my county my opponent started out to make speeches with me. On the second evening in his address to the people, he said: 'I am one of the first families of the State. My oppponent is a Nigger. He came from slavery, and is only fit to be a slave. Circumstances have given him an opportunity to rival a white man. I do not believe that my fellow-citizens will vote for him. They cannot degrade themselves by degrading me.' When it came my turn to reply I said:

"'My opponent has told you of my lowly origin. It is true that I was born a slave, and have risen from my thraldom. The evidence is before you that I have risen. If he had been born a slave he might have been in the darkness of ignorance and serfdom. Depending on his family, he would never have learned to depend on himself. I believe that this people will encourage me in my efforts to rise above unfortunate circumstances and will vote for me.'"

"And they did," laughed the Senator. They elected me sheriff, and afterward stood by me manfully in the fight for the senatorship." SMITH D. FRY.

Bruce on Race Mixing.

Register Bruce's death recalls the fact that he could never be induced to pay any attention to white women who linked their lives in matrimony with colored men. There were two notable cases of the kind here, in one of which a colored Moses married a white woman who was employed in his office, and in the other a colored physician persisted in going outside of his own race for a wife. Both men were prominent in the councils of the Afro-Americans, but this made no difference to Bruce, who was almost white himself. If they had married decent colored women it would have been all right, according to his ideas, but when they persisted in taking white women for wives he drew the line and would neither receive visits from them nor permit his wife to visit them.—Chicago tribune.

B. K. BRUCE IN INDIANAPOLIS.

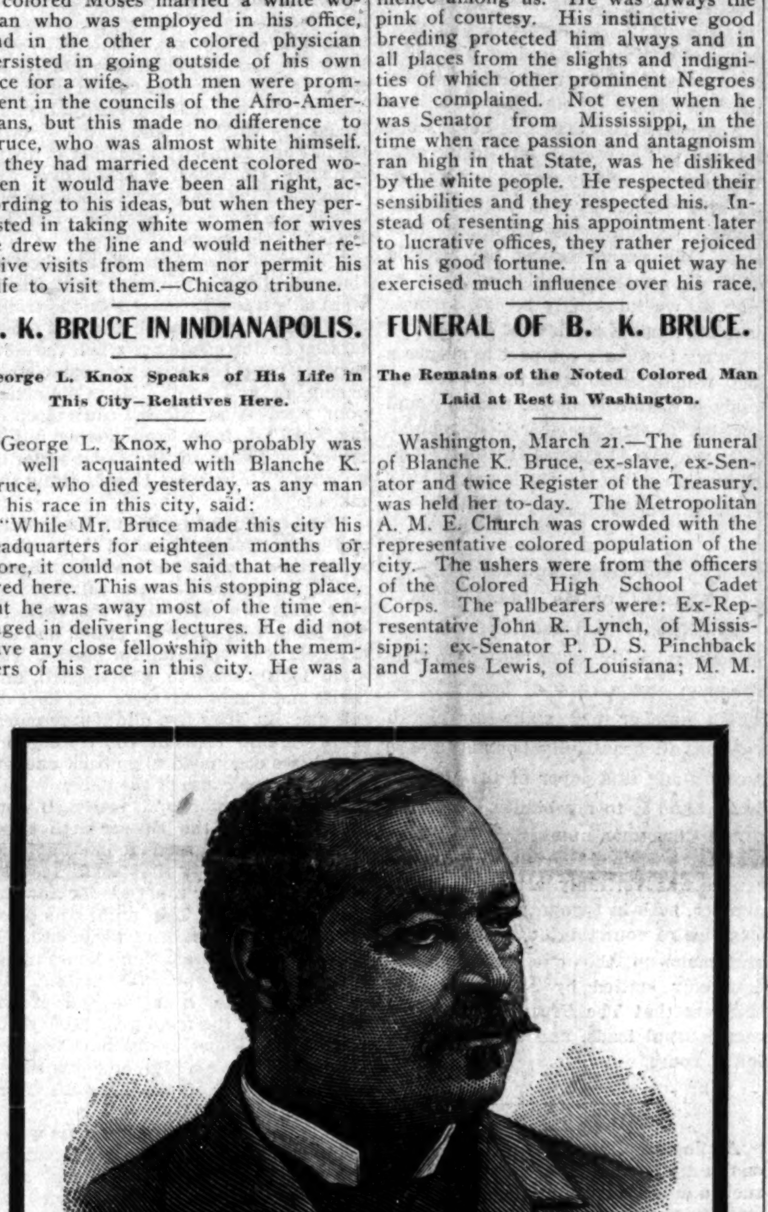
George L. Knox Speaks of His Life in This City—Relatives Here.

George L. Knox, who probably was as well acquainted with Blanche K. Bruce, who died yesterday, as any man of his race in this city, said:

"While Mr. Bruce made this city his headquarters for eighteen months or more, it could not be said that he really lived here. This was his stopping place, but he was away most of the time engaged in delivering lectures. He did not have any close fellowship with the members of his race in this city. He was a man of education and fine tastes, and this naturally kept him apart from his race. Yet he was keenly alive to its interests and did much to advance its well being politically. He was always conservative, and never did anything to antagonize the white race. His best known lecture was called, I believe, "The Race Problem.' It was chiefly heard by white audiences. He was a man of dignified bearing, calm and steady of purpose, and gave good advice to his race. He was a temperate leader, and were there more like him the colored people would have been further advanced than they now are in all the material things that go to make good citizens of this republic.

"His father and mother were both mulattoes. His wife has two sisters living in this city—Miss Victoria Wilson and Miss Mary Wilson—both of whom are teachers in the public schools, and live at Seventeenth street and College avenue with their mother.

"Mr. Bruce, while here, attended St. Paul's Episcopal Church, as he and his wife's family were all Episcopalians. This alienated many colored people here from him. They commented upon the fact that he attended church with white people, and did not go to hear a colored preacher in a church attended by colored people. He had, I believe, but one child, a son, who is now about eighteen years old. I understand the body will not be brought here for burial, but will probably be buried at Washington."—Indianapolis News.



THE LATE HON. BLANCHE K. BRUCE.

A Striking Proof.

Once United States Senator, twice Register of the Treasury, once Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia—such was the public record of Blanche K. Bruce. In the press dispatch announcing his death he is characterized as the ablest representative of the colored race in this country, excepting Fred Douglas. This is doubtless true. But it may also be said for Bruce that he was the most popular colored man that ever rose to any position of prominence among us. He was always the pink of courtesy. His instinctive good breeding protected him always and in all places from the slights and indignities of which other prominent Negroes have complained. Not even when he was Senator from Mississippi, in the time when race passion and antagnoism ran high in that State, was he disliked by the white people. He respected their sensibilities and they respected his. Instead of resenting his appointment later to lucrative offices, they rather rejoiced at his good fortune. In a quiet way he exercised much influence over his race.

FUNERAL OF B. K. BRUCE.

The Remains of the Noted Colored Man Laid at Rest in Washington.

Washington, March 21.—The funeral of Blanche K. Bruce, ex-slave, ex-Senator and twice Register of the Treasury, was held her to-day. The Metropolitan A. M. E. Church was crowded with the representative colored population of the city. The ushers were from the officers of the Colored High School Cadet Corps. The pallbearers were: Ex-Representative John R. Lynch, of Mississippi; ex-Senator P. D. S. Pinchback and James Lewis, of Louisiana; M. M. Holland, of Ohio; W. A. Pledger, of Georgia; John P. Green, of Ohio; Representative George H. White, of North Carolina; Lewis H. Douglas, of New York; H. P. Cheatham, of North Carolina, recorder of deeds for the District of Columbia; Rev. William Waring, of Ohio; H. L. Chew, deputy register of the treasury; Robert H. Terrell, of Massachusetts; R. R. Church, of Tennessee; C. L. Maxwell and Ralph W. Tyler, of Ohio, and Dr. C. B. Purvis, Geo. F. T. Cook, Prof. W. S. Montgomery, Thos. H. Wright, Dr. George H. Richardson, L. C. Bailey, Charles S. Dougless and Prof. William H. H. Hart, of this city, and James T. Bradford, of Maryland. Among the floral tributes was a handsome wreath from the White House with the card of President McKinley.

A Calamity to the Race.

The death of the Hon. Blanche K. Bruce, register of the treasury, may be said to be a calamity to the whole Negro race in this country. We do not know that he was especially beloved by the masses of his colored fellow-citizens. So many "leaders" have sprung up lately, against whose noisy impudence and absurd pretensions his dignity and wisdom and common sense were a standing protest, that very likely he was regarded in many quarters as a person of poor spirit and obsolete ideas. But Blanche Bruce was admired by the judicious and the respectable among the whites and blacks alike, and the example of his high character and his useful life was of more value than we are perhaps able to appraise just now. He illustrated in his career the theories which Prof. Booker Washington has been expounding with such eloquence and force.—Washington Post.

Items of Interest.

Chattanooga, Tenn. Special:—Mr. Richings, the great stereoptican exhibitor of Race progress was in the city last week, and lectured at the leading churches. Revs. R. J. Buckner, B. J. Jones, C. H. Trustey and J. A. Jones were each presented with one of Mr. Riching's books, by their respective congregations. * * The colored lady teachers attended the sessions of the National Superintendent's convention, held recently in this city, and were grossly insulted by a gang of tough white (?) lads. The ruffians threw nails, and hissed at them. They raised cold windows immediately behind them, and in many ways made it very unpleasant for the ladies. Dr. James, a colored physician and member of the Board of Education reported the affair at the last meeting of the board. It created quite a sensation, but Dr. James stood his ground. We need more Jameses. * * Dr. A. J. Love was insulted last Thursday in the drug store of Miller Bros. One of theclerks referred to Dr. Love as a "fellow." Dr. Love resented this as an insult. It ended in a fight, with the doctor on top. It wound up in a trial in the city court. The case was dismissed against all parties. The entire congregation of Wiley Memorial M. E. church worshipped at the Presbyterian church last Sunday night in a reciprocal capacity. Brother Buckner, of Wiley church preached. * * Rev. C. H. Clark, of Nashville, preached at the First Baptist church on the second Sunday, but it said that his visit to that church was a very unpleasant one. He left on the next train. * * Miss E. M. Carter, of New Orleans, will lecture at Warren Chaple, A. M. E. church next Monday night. Local tallent will support her. * * Rev. J. A. Jones, of Warren Chapel, preached last Sunday night to a crowded house on the subject of "Popular Sins." Many had to be turned away for lack of seats and room. Fifteen persons were baptized at the alter. Several persons will be immersd on the first Sunday in April. * * The Ladies tissue paper party is all the talk this week. It is given under the auspices of the senior and junior board of stewardesses of the Warren Chapel. * * Read the Freeman. It is the best race journal in circulation.

THE LAST PUBLIC ACT

In the Interest of the Race—A Fitting Tribute to the Dead Leader.

Editor Freeman: You ask me to favor you with a short article upon the death of the late ex-Senator B. K. Bruce and I hasten to comply, as the time allowed for that purpose is limited.

On Friday, the fourth day of this month, Register Bruce, by previous arrangement, came into my office, and together we went to the office of Hon. Claud M. Johnson, Director of the Bureau of Engraving, where we pleaded for the promotion of a worthy colored man, with a favorable result. Thence we walked to the corner of Eleventh and F streets, where we boarded a car for the Postoffice Department, where Mr. Bruce performed a similar errand for the benefit of another colored man.

On leaving the Bureau, where this writer had joined his voice with that of the Register, he said (slapping me on the shoulder, in a very animated way); "Brother Green, your style is what I would term 'Bruceonian!' You believe in mild, persuasion methods. They will win when harsh methods will not."

Our conversation then turned on factional fight amongst the colored Repulican leaders in Mississippi; in which he expressed profound regret that no amicable adjustment had been effected, or, indeed, seemed likely in the near future. He expressed the opinion that, with a united front and harmonious action, much influence could be brought to bear on the administration in behalf of the best interests of both white and colored Republicans in that State.

Speaking of Col. Pledger, of Georgia, he said: "Pledger is a brave and fearless Republican who, having once espoused the cause of a friend, will never forsake him."

Upon parting company Register Bruce returned to his office, where he partook of substantial refreshments, and thereupon took sick with the symptoms of acute dyspepsia, which, in the course of a few days became complicated with others of an older standing; and, after an heroic struggle of about thirteen days against the inevitable, although assisted by the best medical talent of both colors in the city, he yielded up his spirit. He passed quietly and sweetly into the arms of his Saviour, as I am informed, having given every evidence of that manly and conscientious condition of mind which fears not even Death.

So, you see, Mr. Editor, the last public acts in the long and useful life of Blanche K. Bruce related to the promotion and welfare of members of our dear race. Peace be to his ashes! May his memory ever grow brighter and nobler as the strife, hatreds and prejudices incidental to partisan politics, grow beautifully less.

JOHN P. GREEN.

BLANCHE K. BRUCE DEAD.

ONE OF THE MOST PROMINENT COLORED MEN IN THE COUNTRY.

Born a Slave, but Became Conspicuous by Dint of Perserverance—Twice Appointed Register of the Treasury

Washington, D. C., Special. Hon. Blanche K. Bruce, Register of the treasury, died on the morning of March 17, at 8:15 o'clock. His death had been expected for several days. He suffered from complications of stomach troubles, which at first appeared not serious, but last week he lost strength steadily and toward the close of the week it became apparent that his vitality was ebbing away rapidly. Mr. Bruce's only child, a son, Roscoe C. Bruce, eighteen years old, arrrived here yesterday from Exeter, N. H., where he is taking a preparatory course for Harvard. The funeral took place on Monday, the services being held at Metropolitan A. M. E. church.

Blanche K. Bruce was born in Prince Edward county, Virginia, March 1, 1841, and therefor was fifty-seven years old. He was an African descent, was born a slave and received the rudiments of an education from the tutor of his master's son. He taught school for a time in Hannibal, Mo., and later became a student at Oberlin. In 1869 he came a student at Oberlin. In 1869 he became a planter in Mississippi and was appointed a member of the Mississippi levee board. He was elected sheriff of his county and subsequently superintendent of education. In 1875 he was elected United States senator as a Republican and served until March 3, 1881. In 1881 he was appointed by President Garfield register of the treasury and later was appointed recorder of deeds of the District of Columbia. About six months ago he was again appointed register of the Treasury by President McKinley. Next after Fred Douglass, Mr. Bruce had been regarded as perhaps the most conspicuous man of his race.

Mr. Bruce was of large and dignified presence, and always attracted attention at Republican conventions. His complexion was a clear yellow, not as dark as that of someWest Indians of the Caucasian race; his hair was fine and wavy, and thin at the top; his features were better cut than those of most colored persons, his eyes were black and expressive of his love of fun, and his countenance wore a look of happiness and content which could not but give pleasure. His manners were refined, his dress perfect, and his voice sweet and mellow. The story of his life placed him in a very creditable light before his fellow-citizens. Both white and colored people had contributed heartily to his success; for by his readiness, tact and good nature he, so to speak, compelled the recognition of his abilities, which were of a high order, as shown in the performance of arduous work of detail as well as in debate and on the stump.

In early life he was a pet in his owner's house and a playmate of his indulgent master's only child, a son. His companion was provided with the services of a tutor, who found the colored boy apter to learn than the pupil he was paid to instruct, and encouraged his taste for learning. The consequence was that the slave boy became the better scholar of the two lads. Several years previous to the war Bruce's master removed to the State of Missouri, where he died about the time it began. This resulted in a general break-up of the establishment. The young master went South to join the Confederate army; his former playmate, with two brothers, went in an opposite direction and joined the Federal side at Hannibal, Mo. Bruce was next heard of teaching school at Hannibal, the first colored teacher in that country. He saved a little money in that humble position, with which he proceeded to Oberlin College, Ohio, where he was entered a student. Here he endured great hardships from poverty, sawing wood and performing other laborious offices for a living while he pursued his studies. His extreme poverty, however, prevented him from completing the course, but he did much after that to obviate the deficiency of a full college course by engaging the services of instructors, hard private study and much general reading.

At the close of the war Mr. Bruce went to the State of Mississippi. When the Legislature of the State was reorganized he received the appointment of sergeant-at-arms in the Senate. In 1872 he was elected without opposition to the office of assessor of taxes for the county of Bolivar, Mississippi, and was also made a member of the Board of Levee Commissioners. His election to the Senate took place in the year 1874. He served the full term, ending March 3, 1881. While Senator he was made chairman of the committee appointed to investigate the affairs of the Freedman's Bank. As such he introduced a

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THE WORK OF THE CHURCH.

A LACK OF INTEREST IN ENFORCING PRINCIPLES OF MORALITY.

A Strict Demand to Uphold the Financial Status, While Ministers Themselves Daily Disregard the Moral Aspect.

Morality cannot be taught on a purely intellectual basis. We can teach medicine, law, theology, but we cannot teach morals. The principles of moral conduct can be couched in an abstract statement which can be communicated by a teacher to his pupils and which statement the pupil may learn by heart and understand, but this mere addition to his store of knowledge does not affect the morals of that student.

We may teach a pupil certain principles upon which beauty depends and yet fail to prepare that pupil to discern and enjoy the beautiful. The same is true of morals, taught on a purely intellectual basis.

By the intellect an individual discerns what is right, but the emotion of obligation to do what is right is essential. That part of ethics which deals with what is right can be taught in general rules and principles, but that part which responds with "I ought" can not be taught, but must be cultivated. Each individual must see for himself what is right, and must recognize his obligation to do it. That which an idividual does because he is required to do so by a rule imposed by others falls out if the line of ethics. The ethical law is discerned and obeyed by each individual acting as an independent and free moral agent, who must give an account of his conduct to God alone.

We are responsible to civil government for our conduct under civil laws; our conduct under ecclesiastical discipline; we are responsible to society for our conduct under social laws, but we are responsible to God alone for our obedience or disobedience of the supreme law, the law of absolute right as it applies to individual conduct. When there is a conflict between what is right and what is law we are taught that we must obey God rather than man.

In the last analysis we find that the morals of an individual depend upon his emotional response to his perception of what is right. To the extent that an individual can feel the "I ought" is he moral, and to that extent only. It clearly follows that the cultivation of good morals depends, then, upon two things, correct instruction in the abstract principles of right and effectve training in the emotional response "I ought" that must always be present to give the moral quality to an action.

The prudent man is quck to see the "I should," but the moral man is quick to feel the "I ought." The prudent man says "I should be honest, because honesty is the best policy," but the moral man says "I ought to be honest, because honesty is right."

The man whose conduct is based upon the "I shoulds" will succeed on a certain plane and to the extent that his judgment is correct, but the man who bases his conduct upon the "I oughts" will succeed on the highest plane, and we are responsible to our church for has all the power of heaven behind him, and the "well done, good and faithful servant" awaiting him.

The "I shoulds" may win honor and wealth and power among men, and yet die with the curse of a misdirected life upon him, but the "I ought," although he may have to forsake all earthly good things and die at a stake, is sure of eternal good, if God is good, and his life is sure to bless humanity.

No man is a true man who does not only see but also feel these great truths, and no life is a noble life unless it be based upon a sincere obedience of duty.

A part of the work of the church is to care for the moral education and training of its members.

Do the Afro-American churches clearly recognize the meaning of ethics?

Do the Afro-American pulpits labor to fearlessly teach what is right and to cultivate in the hearts of the people a disposition to do it because "they ought?"

We are very earnest in teaching certain rules from church discipline and in urging people to obey them. In our church, for I speak as a loyal son of Allen, and leave other churches to speak through her own sons, we are very strict in demanding that the "dollar money" laws be obeyed, but are rather lax in either teaching or enforcing certain other laws.

These principles of morality which are restated in our rules and laws do not receive the same earnest attention and strict enforcement that characterize our administration of economic laws.

No minister has ever seriously provoked his bishop and escaped with his head, but several ministers have broken moral laws, both of our discipline and of the Bible, and gone unrebuked.

The moral law of most vital importance to us as a people, and upon which our future depends, is the law of chastity. It is absolutely impossible to build up true homes and good families unless the father and mother in each home are guiltless of sins of unchastity.

It is God's law that no male or female shall have carnal knowledge of any individual except under the sanction of lawful matrimony.

Every wife has a right that cannot be disputed to the perfect fidelity of her husband. Every husband and father has a right to demand of his wife that chastity that will enable him to feel absolutely sure that he is the father of the children for whose support he toils.

Given these two factors, a chaste father and mother, and you have the units upon which to build a true home and a noble family. It is clear, then, that any and everything which mitigates against chastity is a deadly foe to the home and the family.

False or ineffective moral education and training are fatal to the vital feature of our progress as a people. Now, be honest, be candid, how can a minister who is not chaste preach chastity and train the people to be chaste?

How can a minister who is secretely conscious of having violated the commandment himself teach the people, "Thou shalt not commit adultery?" How can any church that will retain within its ministerial ranks men who think nothing of seducing young girls and destroying homes, claim to be uplifting the people? Now, hold on; don't get angry; just be honest; think about this in private, and reach your conclusion with the feeling that God reads your soul.

We turn men out of church because they do not raise dollar money; because they permit their young people to dance; because they are not always servile to those in authority; but are we as strict, as high minded, as firm in upholding the great law of chastity as we ought to be?

The Rev. John R. Scott, of Florida, lived an upright life, and did noble work as a minister. When he discovered that a brother minister had committed against him the most unpardonable of sins he shot and killed him. Hundreds of men who are not able to feel the enormity of the sin of unchastity call Scott a murderer, but a jury made up of men who honor their wives and daughters and who love their families would quietly understand how the discovery of such a terrible, irreparable calamity to his home would for days unbalance the delicate machinery of a man of noble mind and send him forth in mad quest of the destroyer of his entire life. An ordinary Negro who can complacently clothe and feed bastards could see no great cause for Scott's mad act, but all men and women of higher type can fully understand it. He did wrong in taking the law into his own hands, but his provocation for the time blinded him to the demands and restrictions of human laws, and he acted conscious only of the fact that he was a husband and father.

The plea upon which the South excuses the mad deeds of her mobs can not fail to secure for Scott an acquittal.

Now, be honest. Suppose that every father, husband and brother of the race who have like cause to avenge themselves upon the colored ministry were to do as Scott did, what would be the result? The killing of a home-destroyer is wrong, or at least is unlawful, but is it as great a sin as is that of destroying the chastity of the weak, the innocent or the ignorant?

Bishop Gaines is the great champion of a chaste ministry. He has declared that he does not apply punishment to his personal foes alone, but that he actually upholds the principle of chastity, and that he will execute the law against all offenders. If he does this he will win the plaudits of all good people and the approval of Almighty God. He has been furnished with the names and records of notable sinners. The church waits to see what he will do. Will he find pretexts for sparing those who serve and flatter him and be merciless only to the others, or will he carry out his promises? Can the unity of an article in his praise blind his eye, or stay his hand or will he be strong enough to hold principle above personal feelings? If he is just and fearless he will be honored. If he is biased and partial he will stand self-convicted. I do not mean one word of this as a reflection upon Bishop Gaines. I respect him far more highly than I do some of those who try to lead him to misunderstand my utterances. I see his great strengeth of mind and courage and admire it. I see his tendency to yield to personal feelings, and condemn it. I am honest, but not essentially offensive.

Our church may raise dollar money until the safe at Washington bursts with plethora; she may build churches and add members until her material wealth and numerical strength head the Methodists of the world, but as long as even one minister who wears the cloth and who under its cover will seduce virgins and corrupt homes finds toleration, that long do we sin against God and curse the people. We should have a pure ministry if we don't have but one bishop and a local preacher.

It is not only true that we should have a pure ministry, but it is also true that we ought to have one. We have made grave errors in selecting those whom we would punish as examples to others. Our church and the law of our country recognizes divorce, but neither God nor good men can recognize seduction and adultery. If we are sincere in the intention to purify the ministry, let us begin the task right. Let us begin with those who commit adultery. Those who have the decency to marry, even if there is room for question as to the scriptural grounds of a previous divorce, are less dangerous to society and the race than the criminal seducers and adulterers, and can be attended to when their time comes.

If we would do our duty more faithfully there would be less call for deeds like poor Scott was driven to perform, and less work for the lynchers.

Now, now, don't get excited; be cool and look at the truth, like an honest man. If you are upright you will sanction every word just uttered. If you secretely know that you are guilty, go to God in private and talk with Him. Lay off the holy garb and go forth an honest man, even if you make a living with pick and shovel. No unchaste man is fit to wear the sacred, holy garb of the ministry and to bear the credentials of the holy church that Allen founded. The thief steals trash, the drunkard ruins himself, but the seducer and adulterer destroy lives and ruin homes and wreck families.

Better a ministry made up of men who cannot read but who are upright, than a ministry of trained theologians if they will tolerate among them those who are unchaste.

To simply pick out some individual against whom one has a spite, and accuse him of sin, is not reform. If we would reform, let us first understand the principle to be enforced, and then apply it everywhere and at all times, regardless of whom the victim may be, whether bishop or humblest licentiate.

Any course less than this in its scope stands self-convicted of insincerity. The advocate of any course less universal and couragious is a blatant demagogue. We must take all or else take none. We cannot expect the blessing of God to rest and abide with us so long as we knowingly screen a single criminal against the law of chastity.

To try to form a compact to silence a man who dares to utter the truth fearlessly is dastardly mean, unmanly and low, but to start to clear God's church of those who are home-destroyers and criminals against the fundamental laws of society is noble, manly and high.

J. M. HENDERSON.

The Zenith Attained.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 19, 1898.

Mr. Knox: Inclosed I hand you money order for subscription to The Freeman and a copy of Sept. 11, '97, which number will make my eighth volume, all beautifully bound. Please hurry along this paper of the 11th, so I can hand it to my binder. Refering to the Christmas number of The Freeman, I am proud to say that superb zenith was veritably attained in this number, both in typography and in the elegance of contributions. In its general make-up the question was undoubtedly settled by all fair-minded thinkers that The Freeman as a true race journal leads, and all others follow. Yours,

JOHN J. THOMAS.

The Apple Dumpling.

Apple dumpling day was a red letter one in my boy's calendar. When I had such a dainty bit in my bag, it seldom staid there many minutes. Although I had dispatched a hearty breakfast before starting, out would come the dumpling. "Just to have a look at it and to see if it is as big as mother generally makes them," I would say to myself. Then I would turn it about and admire its size. From handling the dainty to tasting it was a sure process. "I'll have one little bite, only a nibble," I would say.

When I had got my tooth into that dumpling, Adam with his apple wasn't in it. It was a case of once bitten soon gone. Then I would hurry on to make up for my dawdling with only the hunk of barley bread in my wallet, the joys of the dumpling behind me, and before me the day's drudgery, with perhaps a thrashing thrown in.—"Life of Joseph Arch."

The Law Business.

"Haven't see you lately," said the first lawyer.

"No," replied the second lawyer. "We've moved."

"Where are you now?"

"Over in the Utopia building. Our firm's got a suit of seven offices."

"Seven offices? What can you possibly do with so many?"

"Well, they don't cost much. The office building business is overdone in this city. We've got a lot of desks, and we'll fill them up with clerks from the colleges. They don't cost anything at all."

"That's so," said the first lawyer, "and they ain't worth anything."

"True again," replied the second lawyer, "but they'll make a show and impress clients."

The law and the office building businesses seem to have fallen upon strange times, this being a true report of an actual conversation.—Buffalo Express.

Chicago on St. Louis.

"It's hard to die so young," said the turkey, "but I'm thankful for one thing anyway."

"What's that?" asked the oyster.

"I'm not to be served in St. Louis," replied the turkey, "so I'll not be eaten with a knife."—Chicago News.

Stained Glass Portraits.

Stained glass portraits are a favorite fad with women who can afford them. The queen of Italy has a beautiful stained glass portrait of herself, and it is said that Alma-Tadema is now making use of the same medium in a picture of the young Duchess of Marlborough.

SOME CLOSE CALLS.

INSTANCES OF NARROW ESCAPES TOLD BY RAILWAY MEN.

A Locomotive's Remarkable Jump—The Sleeping Car Passenger on a Rough Road—Trains That Left the Track and Returned Running at Full Speed.

There is no question that well authenticated cases are on record where disastrous wrecks of railroad trains have been averted by almost seeming miracles. James E. White, general superintendent of the railway mail service at Washington, relates the particulars of a remarkable jump of 28 feet made by a locomotive. As Mr. White tells the story, it was on the 1st of September, 1892, when a New York and Chicago mail train on the New York Central, which was behind time and running at a very high rate of speed, reached New Hamburg, where a 28 foot draw of a bridge was open, which open space it is claimed the engine cleared and landed safely on the main portion of the bridge, the rest of the train going down through the opening. While the engine, it is said, made the leap of 28 feet in safety, the engineer and firemen, not having time to jump, were both killed. John H. Cain, a postal clerk, was killed, and M. E. Towney, clerk in charge, was seriously injured, the other postal clerks escaping unhurt.

While none of the local railroad men knows of any locomotives that are as good jumpers as White's or that do the bounding jockey act, some of them know of miraculous and hairbreadth escapes. Carlton Paris of the old Ohio and Mississippi for many years and more recently with the B. and O. S. W. tells that he and Ed Swift a number of years ago were riding on a train over the Ohio and Big Sandy road when an accident was narrowly averted. But let Paris tell the story:

"The road was about the roughest at that time I had ever ridden over. There were only a few passengers on the train. Swift and I were in the forward coach talking to the conductor when the solitary sleeping car passenger came staggering in and said: 'Mr. Conductor, your road is so rough I can't sleep in my berth. I have been pitched out of my berth twice in the last quarter of an hour. There must be something the matter.'

"The conductor picked up his lantern and said, 'Come on, and I'll go back with you and see what's wrong.' Swift and I sat where we were talking, and very soon we saw that the bellcord was being very violently pulled and the engineer was whistling for brakes. The train finally came to a standstill, and Swift and I kept our seats and kept on talking. As, after five minutes or more, there were no signs of the train going ahead, we concluded to go back and see what was the cause of the delay.

"The conductor and trainmen were grouped about the sleeper with their lanterns, and we soon found out that the sleeper had left the track and had been running over the ties for how far we never knew. The night was pitch dark and it was raining very hard. It took the men at least three hours to get the sleeper on the rails again. The wheels were very near the end of the ties, and had the train gone 100 yards farther the sleeper would have been off the ties and over a high embankment."

Frank Martin of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas said:

"I remember of a disastrous wreck being almost miraculously averted on the Memphis and Little Rock road along about 1883. A passenger train was traveling at a high rate of speed when the engine threw a piece of rail about three feet long out of the track. This piece of rail was thrown at least 25 feet from the track. Strange as it seems, the tender, baggage car, coaches and sleepers went over this place where the rail was out and gained the rail again without one of the cars leaving the track except when the wheels went down on to the ties at one end of the broken rail, only to mount the rail again at the other end of the track. About all the inconvenience the passengers experienced was a slight shaking."

Assistant General Passenger Agent Ryan said:

"I remember two instances when the lives of engineers and firemen were saved by a seeming intervention of Providence. A number of years ago a new trestle was being put in, and false works had been erected to permit of the temporary passage of trains. The workmen had failed to put in some necessary bolts. The first train that came along was a freight. As soon as the engine struck the false work it gave way, and down went the engine. The fall was one of 50 feet, and in falling the engine made a complete revolution and alighted on the ground upon its wheels right side up, and the engineer and fireman both escaped injury, although they were probably pretty badly jarred by the fall.

"The other case I know of is that of a train running at a good speed when the engine ran into a large rock that had fallen on the track just at the mouth of a tunnel. The impact caused the tender to bend up from the rear end and form a protecting hood over the engineer and fireman in the locomotive cab, and they were uninjured. Had this not occurred, they would either have been badly injure or had their lives crushed out."

Another passenger man said yesterday:

"When I was a sleeping car conductor on the old Bee line, about 30 years ago, the train was late, and we were going along at a pretty lively gait. We were within about five miles of Indianapolis when the engine and four cars jumped the track, and we thought there would be a smash up, but before the train could be stopped every wheel was again on the rails without the least damage being done to any part of the train or any of the passengers, barring the fright we all had."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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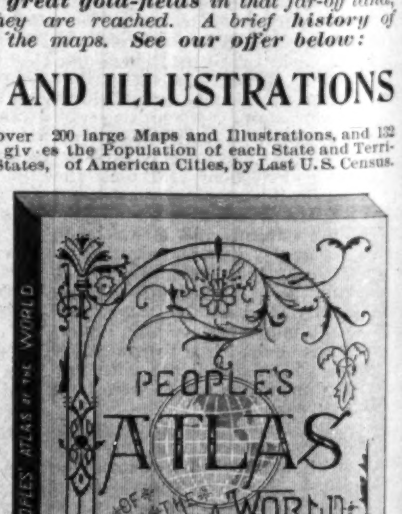

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RACE GLEANINGS.

HOPE.

Lead on, thou hope, ambition's guide,
 Thou magnet of my life,
Betray me not, I pray thee, hope,
 But lead me through this strife.

Hope hast thrilled my sluggish veins
 And brought the far-off nearer,
It shineth forth as golden shrine,
 It makes my way seem clearer.

Hope, without thee, I would die,
 Thou sunshine of my being,
Thy rays doth urge me on and on,
 Thy light doth help me seeing.

Hope, to thee I'll ever cling,
 Thou loadstone of existence,
Life's elixir, Hope, sweet Hope,
 Ever lend me thine assistance.

—Jessie Phillips.

Earlington, Ky.

Philadelphia has a colored Women's Exchange and Protective Union Association.

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A meeting of the Negro Free Silver League will be held in Kansas City at their headquarters on March 26th.

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Mrs. Amanda Smith is traveling in the West and preaching. At Portland, Ore., she was greeted with large audiences.

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John Johnson was appointed postmaster of New Haven, Pa., by President McKinley. Mr. Johnson is the father of W. W. Johnson, a colored lawyer of Chicago.

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Two thousand Afro-Americans met at a mass meeting in Chicago and entered solumn protest against the assassination of P. M. Baker and baby at Lake City, S. C.

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Baltimore, Md., has a new street cleaning district, which has been placed in charge of Joseph Cooper, a colcred foreman, who has a force of ten colored men working under his direction.

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Mrs. Ida B. Wells-Barnett was one of the principal speakers at a large mass meeting held in Chicago recently, to protest against the assassination of Postmaster Baker and baby at Lake City, S. C.

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Mrs. Helén Douglas, widow of the late Fred Douglas, is lecturing in the North on, "The Convict Lease System in the South," the papers say in the painful and thrilling stories of the wrong practiced upon the colored convicts

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Paul Lawrence Dunbar has a rival in the person of a little 14 year old Georgia boy known as "Peare," who can read and write onto a limited extent, "Peare" works in the field during the summer months and spends the winter in the city where he does odd jobs for a living.

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A black society is one of the latest of London's acquisitions. Its president is black, its secretary is black, its assistant editor is a lady of color, and its members, though they wear the best of broadcloth and the most spotless of white linen, are also men of color The society goes under the title of "Central British African Association," and consist of representatives.

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Fred Douglass told me, when he came to speak, that with all his long experience, he never could entirely rid himself of stage fright. "During the first fifteen minutes when I front an audience," he said, "my knees will knock together." But when he got fairly going this not uncommon nervousness, which all speakers have sometimes felt, would pass away. He put his points well in any argument and his eloquence was of a high order. His tributes in one sentence to Abraham Lincoln is an unsurpassed compliment. "Mr. Lincoln," he said, "is the only white man into whose presence I was ever ushered who did not make me feel that I was a Negro."

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At Concord, N. C., on the 8th the corner-stone of the Coleman cotton mill was laid. This is the only mill in the world owned and operated by Negroes. The exercises were held in the court house and there were white and Negro speakers. Among the latter were Congressman White and Booker T. Washington. The mill is about two-thirds completed and is a very fine structure.

Eliza Moore, mulatto girl in Lexington, Ky., weighs 510 pounds, is 5 feet 4 inches in height, measures 7 feet and 3 inches around the bust, 4 feet around the largest part of the arm, and 20½ inches around the neck. She is a comely girl and will appear in museums.

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John H. Lawson, of Philadelphia, is the only colored man in the country who possesses a medal of honor from the United States Government, granted for distinguished bravery in action during the late war. It was presented to him by Admiral Farragut in person. Lawson distinguished himself in the battle of Mobile Bay. He was stationed in the ammunition room of the steamer Hartford. Every one of the twenty-three men were killed or badly wounded by the bursting of two shells which entered the compartment in rapid succession Lawson remained at his post, passing ammunition to the gunners. An officer called down from the deck: "Why don't you hurry up with that ammunition?" Lawson answered that he was doing the best he could and if quicker work was wanted, help must be sent him. "What's the matter with the rest of the men?" demanded the officer. "Dead" said the colored man, laconically, and the officer, entering, found him with a load of shells in his arms stepping coolly over ghastly piles of motionless bodies.

BRITISH SMUGGLERS.

Caves Along the Coast Wherein Their Contraband Goods Were Stored.

A very curious feature of the coasts of England, where rocky or wild, is the trenched and banked up paths from the caves along the coast. These are noticeable in Devon and Cornwall and along the Bristol channel. That terrible sea front consists of precipitous walls of rock, with only here and there a dip, wherea brawling stream has sawed its course down to the sea, and here there is, perhaps, a sandy shore of diminutive proportions, and the rocks around are pierced in all directions with caverns. The smugglers formerly ran their goods into these caves, when the weather permitted, or the preventive men were not on the lookout. They stowed away their goods in the caves and gave notice to the farmers and gentry of the neighborhood, all of whom were provided with numerous donkeys, which were henceforth sent down to the caches, and the kegs and bales were removed under cover of the night or of storm. As an excuse for keeping droves of donkeys it was pretended that the sea sand and the kelp served as admirable dressing for the land, and no doubt so they did. The trains of asses sometimes came up laden with sacks of sand, but not infrequently with kegs of brandy.

Now a wary preventive man might watch too narrowly the proceedings of these trains of asses. Accordingly squires, yeomen and farmers alike set to work to cut deep ways in the face of the downs, along the slopes of the hills, and bank them up so that the whole caravans of laden beasts might travel up and down absolutely unseen from the sea and greatly screened from the land side. Undoubtedly the sunken ways and high banks are a great protection against the weather. So they were represented to be, and no doubt greatly were the good folks commended for their consideration for the beasts and their drivers in thus at great cost shutting them off from the violence of the gale. Nevertheless it can hardly be doubted that concealment from the eyes of the coast guard was sought by this means quite as much, if not more, than the sheltering the beasts of burden from the weather.—South African Review.

WAR CORRESPONDENTS.

Are They a Detriment to the General Commanding an Army?

Everything in a campaign depends upon the general in command, upon his coolness, resourcefulness and rapidity of glance. He may be a man who dislikes correspondents, a dislike they are certain to return, and he feels therefore as if he were perpetually watched in the gravest crises by personal enemies, a feeling which would have been fatal to Marlborough or Eugene of Savoy, the two commanders most remarkable for immovable sang froid. Everybody is not born with the advertising spirit, and there are insects which under a burning glass feel torture instead of that enjoyment of warmth which the operator maintains they ought to feel. Imagine the condition of a general like Frederick the Great, whose main business during three years of his campaigning life was to repair defeat, with 50 "correspondents" in his camp reporting every disaster, every preparation and every execution of the incompetent or the unruly!

It would be maddening to such a general to know that the distribution of blame or fame did not depend upon himself, but would be taken out of his hands by writers not under his command, who would declare that an attack like that on Speicheren, which almost cost an army corps, was "superb" because it succeeded, or that the perhaps best general in the army was habitually a little late in issuing his commands. We do most seriously believe that there are officers of the highest merit in the British army from whom the country will never obtain the best service they are capable of performing because of the multitude of reporters in the camps. That is a thought which those who are responsible for armies are bound to ponder, and, knowing as they do its truth, we do not wonder that they doubt whether to interest the readers of newspapers is an advantage sufficient to outweigh so many risks.—London Spectator.

A SCENE ON THE SOO.

The King of France Took Possession of the Land Two Hundred Years Ago.

In St. Nicholas there is an article on "The Great Lakes" by W. S. Harwood. Mr. Harwood says:

While waiting for my steamer to be carried through canal locks of the Soo, I stood one summer day near a hill on which now stands Fort Brady, overlooking the rapids of the Soo as they flow from Lake Superior down into the St. Mary's river and so on to join at last the waters of Huron. On the top of this hill, as nearly as I could decide from the topography of the country, was witnessed two centuries and a quarter ago one of the most remarkable, one of the most significant, scenes in the history of the new world. It has been brilliantly described, and I may but mention it.

On June 14, 1671, a strange body of men was assembled on this hill. It was composed of four classes—the official representatives of the king of France, the Catholic missionaries, the voyageurs and the Indians. Weeks before word had been sent out to the chiefs of 14 of the different tribes of Indians in the region to meet at the Soo on the date mentioned. An immense cross of wood was made and carried to the top of the hill overlooking the swift flowing rapids. A stout timber with an engraved plate on it was set up near the deep hole in the ground which was to hold the foot of the cross.

When all had assembled, St. Lusson, the representative of the king, lifted in one hand a clod of earth and in the other his naked sword and in the name of his most Christian majesty the king of France took possession of the land. embracing in his assumption "all the region from the north to the south sea and extending to the ocean on the west." The cross was then raised before the motley throng—the representatives of the government in their most gorgeous suits, the priests in their rich vestments, the voyageurs in their hunting garb of skins, the Indians in their most fantastic feathers and paint. As the cross assumed position the priests intoned a stately chant of the seventeenth century. Then the French exclaimed "Vive le roi!" while, as one historian puts it, "the Indians howled in concert."

The plate upon the smaller timber bore an engraved inscription denoting the king's possession of the land.

A SCENE IN SALONICA.

The Jews and Jewesses That Inhabit the Heart of the Town.

In the true ghetto, in the noisome heart of the town, where the cobbled streets run slimy and the people chaffer with the butchers for the refuse of the slaughter house and chicken block, you see the unchanged Jew of the middle ages. Be he bearded grandsire or tiny boy, he wears a long loose gabardine to his heels and the fez of his masters. If he is well to do, the garment may be fur bordered or it may be of silk, but it could not more surely be soiled and greasy if the law required it so. With marriage this survivor of the dark ages grows a beard full and thick and grizzled in the old men, wiry and black and very sparse in the younger heads of families. This is as it is in East Broadway and Chicago and Berlin, but when you look upon the wives and daughters in Salonica's ghetto you see mediæval characters who have staid in the east, but sent no representatives abroad.

These Jewesses love display and court admiration. They are much fairer than the men, milky skinned, with a pale pink flush, as if they were hothouse bred. Their clothes are gay, red, green and blue being their favorite colors, and the married women all wear decollete bodices fashioned very low in front and showing a fancy shirt of embroidery and lace, which either reveals the mold of their forms or makes startling exposures of the forms themselves. Their chests are always quite bare. This in a land where the other women expose nothing but their eyes is all the more astonishing. On their crowns the Jewish matrons wear very showy, often beautiful, headdresses, composed of a cap of red, green and yellow silk or cloth, that is carried down the back of the head in a bag that envelops their tresses. Often these bags are finished at the bottom with heavy gold braid.—"In the Wake of a War," by Julian Ralph, in Harper's Magazine.

Equal to the Occasion.

They tell this story in London about the Countess Waldegrave, who was married four times: One evening she appeared at the opera in Dublin during her fourth husband's occupancy of the post of chief secretary for Ireland. An audacious Celt, catching sight of her ladyship in one of the boxes, shouted out with real Irish temerity, "Lady Waldegrave, which of the four did you like best?"

The countess was equal to the occasion. Without a moment's hesitation she rose from her seat and exclaimed enthusiastically, "Why, the Irishman, of course"—a remark which naturally "brought down the house."

A New Road Found.

"Oh, John, dear, isn't your Uncle George dreadful?"

"What's up now?"

"Why, I called at his office today, and he was talking to one of his clerks up stairs."

"Nothing unusual in that."

"And, John, he told the poor man to go to—you know where—through the speaking tube."—Pick Me Up.

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THE LATE B. K. BRUCE.

Long before this time the country has learned the sad news of the death of Hon. Blanche K. Bruce, Register the Treasury. He was a Virginian by birth having been born in Edwards county fifty-seven years ago. He was very much like the illustrious Douglas in educating and fashioning himself for the very eventful life mapped out for him. He was born a slave, yet he rose from that conditoin, so many degrees below even manhood, until he encompased very nearly the whole gamut of man's possibilities in the Republic. He served his adopted country and State in the capacity of sheriff. His usefulness to his State was shown in his business successes as planter in Missisippi. No national convention of Republicans for a number of years was complete without the rotund form, the genial smile and the suave and engaging manners of Bruce. His courtly manners had much to do in helping him through the world. He made his advent into the United States' Senate in 1875. He made many friends while there and he knew how to keep them. These friends were turned to very good account in the time of political need. He has been something of an offlcial pioneer, having succeeded in being the first or second colored man to hold the same positions. He served his country and party as Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia, and was twice appoint Register of the Treasury. The people are touched by his sudden demise and a strain of genuine sorrow is awakened by the calamity which followed so swiftly in the wake of Langston and Cuney.

The propriety of appointing Nea shas been shown in the Lake City. South Carolina, incident, is questionable. Political obligations do not demand it and proper protection is not offered, hence it is nothing less than crimnal to make them.—Indianapolis Freeman.

The above lines are too true not to be noticed. If President McKinley and the Republican party are so anxious to give the colored brother some of the crumbs from the pie counter, why don't he appoint more of our deserving colored brothers to positions of honor and trust in the North and West. Colorado claims and is entitled to recognition from the national administration. Edwin H. Hackley, editor of the Denver Statesman, is equal, if not superior to many of the appointments that have been made here. Another thing, Hackley would be in no danger of being murdered either.—Colorado Springs Sun.

The Indianapolis Freeman doubts the propriety of the administration appointing colored men to positions where prejudice is high, and protection inadequate. The Express takes no stock in this view. McKinley was not elected on any colored consideration. There was no talk of refusing votes because of high prejudice or inadequate protection and there should be no considerations like that in handing aroud the benefits which accrue from Republican success. Let McKinley alone. He is President of the Negroes as well as of the white people; he is President of Lake City, S. C., as well as of Chicago, and he is doing his duty like a man. If a Negro is killed let another take his place. They are not all cowards. That is the way white men do, and we can well afford to pattern after them in this.—Dallas Weekly Express, Texas.

Our esteemed contemporary of Dallas, Tex., thinks that Negroes can afford to act like white men in these cases The suggestion may be based on a correct premise, but it wants to be borne in mind that there are no precedents. White men have seen no such conditions as this country presents. There are no examples to help establish anything. It might be wisdom to beat down prejudice through the death and sufferings of individuals who offer themselves as sacrifices yet this is to be demonstrated. Nor should it be necessary to resort to methods other than those employed by the surrounding race in order to pursue any course in life. A government and that portion of the people that feel that appointments are justifiable certainly should conclude that protection is justifiable. And right here the weakness of Republics are manifest. It is to be deplored but the fact remains that the contest for ballots in political life is ceaseless. It is profitable to ferret out the order to pursue and course in life. A factors that make up a mob in some localities only. In others it is positively damaging and dangerous. The fact that McKinley is the Negroes' President, or that Grant of Cleveland was, carries with it that other fact that it behooves them to rule with equal laws. If policy says it will not be well to punish these offenders, policy should be equally as bold in declaring that the lives should not be jeopardized.

It is no point of the contention that the clamoring for recognition must be appeased at any expense. It is not the individual nor the set of individuals that these attacks are aimed at; but the whole race is sensible; feels the effect of the blow. A blow at a white man is a blow at the man only, a blow at a Negro under certain conditions is a blow at the race.

AS OTHERS SEE IT.

The Appeal is glad of the opportunity to send into the homes of its many readers the picture of Hon. Geo. L. Knox. Here is a man that fills the demand to the letter. Here is an individual who has proven his ability to "tote his own skillet" without government "fodder" to help him. Mr. Knox can snap his finger at all of the politicians white or black. He lives at home and boards at the same place. As a business man he is a success. What Brown of Virginia has been to the colored people of that State, he has more than been to the Negroes of Indiana and the entire country in the way of proving what hard work and grit will do. Mr. Knox had no offices given him nor any contributions. He has made his mark by hard knocks. For one The Appeal takes off its hat to the plain, unpretentious typical American, Geo. L. Knox. Not only do we uncover, but we remain bareheaded while in his presence. There is no such thing as brag in this gentleman's make up. He is to-day getting out the best journal when all things are considered, published by members of the Negro race. If a national press convention ever meets again and gives the presidency to a man that merits it, Col. Geo. L. Knox will be the man by acclamation. He is so modest we doubt if he would accept. If a negro party is organized we should be glad to see him chairman of the national committee. We believe in him firmly, and we trust him implicitly. Here is a Negro that would not sell out or compromise his people. Col. Geo. L. Knox is in a position where he does not need to truckle or bend the knee that thrift may follow fawning. Just one thousand men of his stamp, and in five years there would be one great American nation here with no race prejudice worth noticing. He is of the sturdy sort of timber out of which Lincoln was hewn. What he lacks in a knowledge of the classes he makes up in a knowledge of how to get bacon and cabbage. Elegant he is in physique, brainy in views, reliable in promises, wise in opinions and loyal in his friendship. He is not of the cry baby sort. He can take hard licks as well as give them. He is in everything modest. His work whether in his business office, in a national convention or at his home is all the time seasoned by the good old flavor so characteristic of Methodist, of which he is one of the most devoted and practical. What Major McKinley means by not forcing this man into the harness we cannot understand. Up to date Indiana has really received nothing. Bahia is not to be considered. Every sensible and decent Negro in the United States would be happy to see Col. Geo. L. Knox given recognition. He is not the self-pushing seeking sort, and therefore he ought to be most available.—The Appeal, Atlanta, Ga.

Again The Freeman is compelled to speak in defense of the proprietor, and it has this to say: That Mr. Knox in event of the presidency of the press convention being offered him would certainly take it under advisement. He would feel honored at the mention of the distinguished consideration. But as to the presidency of a distinct party to be known as a Negro party, while in the event, if tendered he would also feel honored, but he could not take the matter under advisement. It is true enough that, incident to party perpetuity, there are movemens that are seemingly irregular and often inscrutable; but it may be in the end conducive to party longevity. He feels that the Republican party may still be trusted to inaugurate and carry out reforms needful for the successful conduct of national, State and municipal affairs. A Negro party, in the language of Ingall's, is very apt to be an "irridescent dream" for some time to come. In fact there is not much to be accomplished by such a novel undertaking. It would be unprecedented.

The Jews, who cannot be denied courage, fidelity, integrity or intellect, have at no stage in the world's history seen fit to organize a political party, whose purposes were offensive and defensive. And yet these people have been long and patient sufferers. It is quite apparent that a race party would be an invitation to attack by those not of the particular race. Mobilization on the party of others would have too much excuse for the same. The tendency would be to array all the whites against all the blacks. Before an event of such tremendous import should obtain, it would be better that the ambitions of a thousand men be sacrificed on the altar of common humanity. Race concentration exploiting through the best party means race salvation. The Appeal has the thanks and the very best wishes of The Freeman for its very flattering mention of Mr. Knox.

We print with pleasure the following tidbits of information and the correlated suggestion and interrogatory:—The American Eagle.

The Hon. T. Thomas Fortune is acting the role of instructor as ameans of diversion and recreation. The young minds of Booker T. Washington's famous school are his students, and they are interested in his thoughtful and instructive lectures.—The Florida Sentinel.

"Thomas Fortune, Teacher," a very suggestive title for an interesting novel. Who will write it?—Indianpolis Freeman.

Well, Mr. Fortune has been delivering some lectures at the Tuskegee Institute as "a diversion and recreation," and mighty clean and pleasant work it is, the best and most fruitful that can engage a fecund and vivacious intelligence. So much for the information furnished with so much eloquence and enthusiasm by the "Florida Sentinel," an old stager that knows a good thing when it sees it.

As to the suggestion and interrogatory of the "Freeman:" Who will write Hoosier contemporary furnishes? Who else should write it, if not the Hon. and proprietor of the "Freeman," and the modest and shrinking author of "My Life as I Have Found It," a work which has suffused its author with blushing fame? Let us have the novel by all means, and let the author be the Hon. George enLgthwise Knox, and let it first kiss the breath of expectation in serial vestments in the columns of the Indianapolis "Freeman."—N. Y. Age.

The Freeman feels flattered at the commission and essays forth to do the bidding:

Tho(MISFORTUNE, TEACHER.

CHAPTER I.

Thomas Fortune, very well known to fame,
Although many another Tom bore the name,
One day called around him his editorial staff
And full many a beaker did they quaff.
"You see," says he, "by the Sentinel of Florida,
That I am about to hie to Alabama.
The place to which I soon shall flee,
Is the famous agricult Tuskegee."

CHAPTER II.

This was in the old State of New York,
Known for vanish tricks and ways that are dark.
Tom's mision was for "diversion and recreation,"
This, however, subject to modification by explanation.
'Tis said that Wiley Tom has lore to unfreight,
But a panacea his depositions regulate.
Pleasant and "fruitful," mind you, says he,
In Booker T. Washington's Tuskegee.

CHAPTER III.

"Fecund, vivacious sound to the core"
And such like he labels his lore,
Lectures, fresh lectures, lectures galore
Delivered while you wait for more.
Talks for the day, talks de nuit;
My everlasting twaddle in terms to suit."
These cries greet the people he happens to see,
When he starts out for his Tuskegee.

CAPTER IV.

Such was the mission of the man of the Age
Who left scisosrs, paste-pot and editorial page,
And took upon himself the classical toga,
In order to discuss rithms and other loga,
Law, some plowing, sciences to a nicety
In the staid old school of Tuskegee.
Then hied north, this man of the age,
To scissors, pasteuot and editorial page;
His plowshare beat into a pruning hook,
For column rules he exchanges his books.
An air of satisfaction pervades on the whole,
And contentment reigns as of old;
The same can not be said of the university,
For in Tom's pocket is much of Tuskegee.

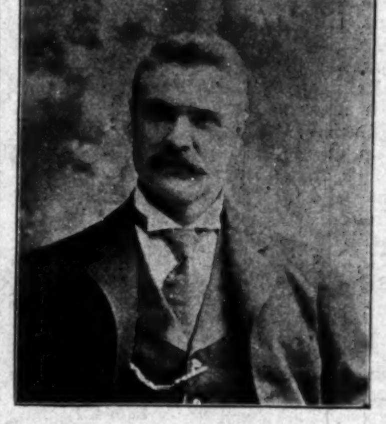
A Batch of Information.

Hartford, Conn., Special—Activity among the fashionable society people of Hartford is on an increase, and as the season begins to open with pleasant weather and auspicious times, our belles and leaders in fashionable circles are sparing no means to cap the climax in fashions and styles of the day. This has been the great opening week. The Uno Club, composed of a number of high class society people, pleasantly entertained in high social circles at the home of Mrs. James Jackson on Main street last week. * * The home of Miss Cameron, dressmaker on Albany avenue, was briliantly illumed last week with some of Hartford's brightest social lights. The evening was pleasantly spent in proper games and social discussions. * * A lucrative surprise party was given last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Pierce in honor of Rev. Anderson, pastor of the Union Baptist church. * * Mr. G. H. Green, one of our leading agitators, is arranging a sojourn in New Haven Conn. * * Mr. A. N. Francis our most popular and successful fruit dealer has taken an active interest in the Freeman. * * The Unknown Quartette under the management of Thomas Rone gave a creditable musical last week at Union Baptist church. * * Mr. Benjamin Peterson, one of our leading tenor soloists acquitted himself admirably in the entertainment last week; also did Mrs. Jos. Clark, the charming soprano. * * Mr. Chas. Nelson, who has been sick-listed so long, is now much improved and able to move around a little among his friends. * * Mr. R. M. Shield, of the Shield Bro. barber shop was held up last Saturday night by a highwayman. Fortunately there was no serious injury, as Mr. Shields gave up the few pennies demanded, more because the fellow was a colored "wayman" than anything else. * * Mr. J. B. Twine of New Haven is spending some time in Hartford. * * Mr. J. A. Curtis, our most successful help and labor agent has moved to his commodious quarters, 54 Grand street. Mr. Curtis has taken an active interest in the Freeman. * * Mr. Jas. W. Ellis is planning to leave for Baltimore about April 1, in the services of the Merchant Minners Transportation Co. * * Miss Lucy Johnson on Albany avenue pleasantly entertained a few friends in social circles last week. Among the honored guests were Messrs Oles, Fred and William Jones. * * Miss Mattie Hyland has become a reader of the Freeman. * * Miss Julia Davis deserves much credit for her activity in circulating her Bible work. * * The Freeman will be delivered at your door and on sale at both barber shops, five cents spot cash, don't ask for trust. * * A tea party was given last week at the home of Miss Fannie Randall in the interests of Zion church with much success. * * Remember the Freeman will give the news of interest each week, five (5) cents spot cash. * *G. Grant Williams has prepared a valuable itch ointment for use in barber shops, guaranteed sure cure for face and skin diseases. * * Don't fail to read the Freeman, five cents spot cash. The Freeman will print any news within the bounds of good manners and propriety, that does not advertise free of charge. Buy The Freeman. Buy the Freeman, five cents per copy, spot cash. No trust. * *

The hotels gave good returns this week, and great interest is manifested in the Freeman. * * Miss Bell Mason of the Prospect House is on the sick list. * * T. H. Hinton has been on the sick list, but his New York journey was a great improvement.* *Mr. Fred Carter is sick, but he is convalescent. * * Read the Freeman, five cents per copy, spot cash. Don't ask for trust. * * Miss Lizzie o fthe etaoinadvo k ,tore taoin etaon Henry on the Hill has become a reader of the Freeman. Also Mrs. Lula Henry on Albany avenue. * * Mr. H. Roberson, of the Allen House is interesting himself for the Freeman.

WILLIAM L. ESSMAN.

It is with no small degree of pleasure that we present to the readers of The Freeman, Mr. William L. Essman, the thrifty and genial proprietor of the Illinois house, who is being earnestly pushed for recognition before the coming Republican county convention, as the South Side candidate for sheriff. Mr. Essman is of German birth and was born and raised in this city, at the Illinois house, 183 S. Illinois street. He has always been a resident of the South Side and can well be said to be the only candidate from the South Side seeking recognition before the convention. Mr. Essman has never held



WILLIAM C. ESSMAN.

a political office, neither has he asked for any previous to this. He is a plumber by trade and for nine years was inspector for the Consumers' gas company. Mr. Essman was a prime spirit in the success of the South Side Republican club, of which he was its first secretary and at present is a member of the board of directors. Of all candidates seeking nomination before the coming convention none of them have proved a more staunch and loyal friend to the cause of the Negro than has Mr Essman. The colored delegates to the convention should use all their votes, energy and influence to secure the nomination of men who believe that Negro votes have rights and who stand ready to render assitance to us in securing these rights, and we have no timidity in saying that Mr. Essman undoubtedly heads this list of all men who are seeking the nomination for sheriff.

In our last isue, we heartily endorsed the candidacy of Mr. Isadore Blair for Justice of the Peace, but he failed to get the nomination in the convention and in his stead Mr. Thomas Pratt, received a wholesome vote for a constabular office. Mr. Blair does not take his defeat philosophically and as he should take it,but is swearing vengeance on the party for not nominating him. He should abide by the decision of the convention and we do not hesitate in saying that his nomination would have been certain, could he have commanded enough votes. He fell short in his own precinct and ward. It will be a bad precedent to consider colored men in these conventions as candidates for office, if they intend to bolt the ticket because they are not nominated. We would have liked to have seen Mr.Blair nominated, but at the same time we believe that his honor, as a man, and better judgment will prevail upon him to stand by the nominees of that convention.

Jottings.

Tuscumbia, Ala., Special.—Prof. G. W. Thenholm conducted an instructive Teachers' Institute, for Colbert county, at Leighton, Ala., March 18 and 19. Prof. J. W. Morgan acted secretary. The following persons enrolled: Messrs. G. W. Trenholm, president; J. W. Morgan, secretary; A. L. Darthard, J. H. Darthard, A. L. Walker, C. W. Carms, Sr., C. W. Carms, Jr., W. Abernathy, A. R. Battle, B. C. Carter, J. Cobb, H. E. Levi, principal Courtland Academy; Mrs. Phoebe Goodloe, Misses E. E. Lawyer C. N. Ross, E. L. Pruitt, E. E. James, F. Bates, E. B. Nelson, N. C. Stephens, E. T. Brown, M. A. Walker, Mr. Jos. Abernathy, etc., etc.

The institute was a grand success. The paper read by Miss E. T. Brown on "Methods and Devices" was indeed instructive and deserves special mention. Miss C. N. Ross's paper on "Reading and Writing" merits much praise; Miss E. E. James' paper on "How to Keep the Boys in School" was both didactic and pleasing. Miss E. E. Sawyer read an excellent paper on the "Teacher's Voice." Miss F. Bates read a splendid paper on "School Organization."

There was a grand mass meeting on Friday night. After listening to the welcome address and response by Miss E. L. Pruitt and Prof. J. W. Morgan respectively, the president, Prof. G. W. Trenholm, announced that "Education and the Race Problem" would be the subject for discussion. He said that he wanted short speeches on the same, because he desired to hear something from all, and that the best speeches are always the shortest. All took an active part and made the popular meeting high class. Mrs. Goodloe and her committee on music furnished excellent music at the conclusion of each speech. The solos sung by Misses C. N. Ross, E. E. Sawyer, E. B. Nelson, and C. W. Carms, Jr., merit much praise. "Education and the Race Problem" was fluently and logically discussed by the speakers. The speeches made by Messrs. J. W. Morgan, C. W. Carms, Sr., C. W. Carms, Jr., W. Abernathy, B. C. Carter, and the president deserve special mention. A lasting impression was made on the citizens of Leighton. All the teachers were nicely cared for. A vote of thanks was tendered the good people of Leighton. The next session of the institute will convene at Cherokee, Ala. The president tried to impress that a teacher should not only be scholarly but his knowledge should be recent.

COLUMBUS ITEMS.

Columbus, O., Special.—T. Anderson, of Urbana, is in the city. * Mrs. Higgins, of La Salle street, is on the sick list. * * Earnest Dove has gone into business. * * The business of Hans Garner has so increased that his landlord has built for him a larger room. * * Will Letchford has leased the building formerly occupied by the Hotel Triplett and will open up a bar and bowling alley. * * James Merrill has moved his cigar store. * * R. Hughes was elected assessor in the Eighth ward. * * Mrs. Brown, of Cherry street, was called to Circleville by the serious illness of her sister. * * Willis Gynn was assaulted in the dining room of the Neil house by George Black, one of the waiters. * * W. H. Johnson is sick. * * Rube Austin and John Winston are getting up a party to go to Klondyke. * * Convict O'Niel tried to escape from the penitentiary Sunuday morning. He was prevented by Guard Banks, who discovered him in the act of letting himself down from the roof.

CHAMEBERSBURG ITEMS.

Chambersburg, Pa., Special—Mr. Daniel Berry died on Wednesday and was buried Friday. Age seventy-three years. * * Mrs. Josephine Strange, wife of Richard Strange, died suddenly Sunday evening, March 20. * * Miss Hattie Brabham recieved a very severe fall from her bicycle. * * Miss Stella Swavely, of Shippensburg, is visiting friends in this city. * * The Troubadors singers gave an entertainment in the C. M. E. Zion church. * * Messrs. Isaac Horman and Howard Johuston were elected delegates to the Republican convention from the Third ward. * * A social was given at the residence of Mrs. Hannah Bray Harrison Are on Saturday. * * Mrs. Susan Downey is better. * * William Taylor has returned to Harrisburg. * * Wilson Bell is head waiter at Hotel Washington. * * Charles Hall has written a very popular song entitled "Barking." * *

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Philip Brown received a very severe fall from a horse. * * Miss Mary Scott entertained for Misses Taylor and Green on the 17th. * * Mrs. Sarah Fillkill is visiting in the city. * * Mrs. H. Anderson is improving.

BLANCHE K. BRUCE DEAD.

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bill in Congress, passed promptly, which provided for the discharge of highly-paid officials interested, as it seemed, in prolonging the investigation, and for the appointment of John Jay Knox, controller of the treasury, to take charge of the necessary work, on a salary of $1,000 a year. While in the Senate he presided on one occasion, at the call of Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts. Mr. Brucewas present at every national convention of the Republican party since 1868. He was acting as presiding officer in the convention of 1880, also at the request of Senator Hoar, when the opportunity came to him of recognizing Garfield among a host of men wanting to speak. Register Bruce loved to recall and speak of this.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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Subject to the Republican County Nominating Convention.

For Recorder, Marion County.

LEWIS G. AKIN.

Subject to the decision of the Republican Nominating Convention, Saturday, April 16.

For Coroner.

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For Commissioner First District

JAS E. GREER.

Subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention.

For Treasurer, Marion County.

ARMIN C. KOEHNE

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ROUTE.

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BLACK PATTI TROUBADOURS—Salt Lake City, Utah, March 25-26.

CANADIAN JUBILEE SINGERS—Lancaster, N. H., March 26-27.

DARKEST AMERICA—Davenport, Ia., March 26-27; Fairfield, 28; Ottumwa, 29; Oscaloosa, 30; Des Moines, 31-April 1; Marshaltown, 2.

ISHAM'S OCTOROONS—New York City, March 14-26.

RICHARDS & PRINGLE'S GEORGIA MINSTRELS—Anaconda, Mont., March 26.

WASHBURN'S MINSTRELS—Auburn, N. Y., March 25-26.

THE LATE EUGENE H LLMAN.

The above portrait is an excellent likeness of the late Eugene Hillman. Mr. Hillman was the senior member of the musical team of Hillman & Perrin, late of Al. G. Field's minstrels. He met with a serious accident some time ago, which necessitated the amputation of a foot, and, after suffering for several weeks, died. He leaves a wife, Jennie Hillman, a member of Isham's Octoroons, other relatives and a host friends to mourn his loss.

The following resolutions of condolence to the bereaved wife and relatives of Mr. Hillman has been received from the members of the Al. G. Field minstrels:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God, in his wise providence, to remove from our midst, our beloved friend and fellow professional Eugene Hillman; and

Whereas, We are deeply sensible of the fact that all of us, sooner or later, must travel to that undiscovered country from whose journey no traveler returns, and while we feel that his family has lost a kind and faithful husband, and dear relatives and the profession a brilliant star of the first magnitude, yet we bow in humble submission to the will of Almighty God. And while we share the great misfortune that has befallen his dear wife, we hope that our loss is him gain; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we extend to his dear wife, relatives and many friends our heart-felt sympathy; be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be sent to the Indianapolis Freeman for publication and a copy be sent to his bereaved wife. (Signed) Members of the Al. G. Field's Colored Minstrels.

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Herbert La She will be with Walter L. Main Show this summer.

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Miss Bessie Lee is creating a furore by her singing in the old country.

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Miss Rachel Walker, the Creole Nightengale, is being well received across the pond.

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Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lucas were on the bill at the Alhambra theater, Milwaukee, Wis., last week.

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The Colored Sports will not go out this spring, but will fill their engagement at Atlantic City for the summer.

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William H. Windom and the Blackstone Quartette are features at Weber & Feild's music hall, New York City, this week.

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A. L. Tutt and wife carried away the honors at the Hodges & Launchmere cake walk last week. The Tutts are the funniest cake walkers ever seen in New York.

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David D. Smith, drum major and buck and wing dancer, has closed with the "South Before the War" company and is resting at his home in Chattanooga, Tenn.

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Miss Grace Sizemore has closed with "Darkest America," and returned to Chicago, where, 'tis said, she will soon wed a prominent society gentleman of the Windy City.

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Hodges and Launchmere are undoubtedly the greatest colored versatile and singing team in America—bar none. Their new act is a great hit, and their costumes are grand.

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Mr. Gussie L. Davis, America's greatest song writer, has several new songs on the market. Mr. Davis is making big hits singing his descriptive songs with stereoptican views.

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James Crosby and J. Ed. Green, of Richards and Pringle's Georgia minstrels, have written a swell march song, which is being introduced by Mr. Crosby with much success.

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Harry and Nellie Eaton, "The Octoroon and the Coon," plays two or three first-class clubs (white) every week in New York; and Harry represents The Freeman. That's all. Time all full at present.

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The Cheatam Brothers' singing and dancing comedians, formerly of Richards & Pringle's Georgia minstrels, assisted by the famous Gladiator Quartette, appeared at Russell's hall, Pensacalo, Fla., March 22 to a large and appreciative audience.

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J. M. Moore's Original Unique Quartette, which is composed of the following gentlemen: Jos Moore, J. E. Settles, J. Cayson and Samuel Baker have signed with Miss Leola Mitchell for the balance of the season, opening at Proctor's Pleasure Palace, New York March 28.

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Brooks and Porter—Clifford and Will, this season with John W. Vogel's "Darkest America" company, are reheasing a red-hot act for the coming season. They are both fine singers and good dancers, and as comedians their work is certainly commendable.

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Jones and Sutton—John and Susie, have just closed a very successful trip, playing the Westminster theater, Providence, R. I.; Howard and Lyceum theaters, Boston; and Poli's, New Haven, Conn. They met with hearty approval at each place of amusement.

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W. W. Handley is rehearsing a very sensational drama in New York, entitled "A Negro to be Lynched," with a powerful cast which includues J. F. De Lyons, Erb Robinson, 'Leon Williams, and the "Black Radcliffe handsome Danny Frazier, Elmer Thomas and Miss Flo Briscoe.

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Hodges and Launchemere's benefit for the Maine sufferers, given in New York last week, was a grand success.

In Billy Miller "Darkest America" has one of the most promising young comedians of to-day. Mr. Miller's monologue never fails to bring the house down in storms of applause and laughter.

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Clemia W. Harris, the Human Frog, who has made a big hit with the Welch Bros.' "Old Southern Life" company, will close a long season on March 28, and will be at liberty to accept engagements from responsible managers. He may be addressed at 114 Central avenue, Chester, Pa.

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Prof. Luke Pully, the "Black Pader Whiskey," the famous piano soloist, has returned to New York after a successful tour of the United States and Canada. He is under the management of the Geo. L. Archer Theatrical Exchange, of 1299 Broadway, New York City; E. H. Nelson is Mr. Pulley's special representative.

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Each and every member an artist is all that is claimed of P. G. Lowery's famous concert band now with Wright's Nashville Students. Read what the papers say: "The Nashville Students' concert band under the leadership of P. G. Lowery, the greatest of all cornet soloists, is the only colored band that ever concerted in Memphis, and the music rendered defied criticism."—Memphis Daily.

"The streets of Nashville were crowded to hear a special concert at 7 o'clock by the crack band of artists under the leadership of P. G. Lowery. Special mention is due Messrs. L. E. Gideon, Dan Desdunes, E. O. Green, M. M. McQuitty and John Stewart, the five soloists, who were competing for public honors. They were crowned with rounds of applause."—Evening Journal.

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J. Ed. Green, our special representative with Richard and Pringle's Georgia minstrels, sends the following: The Freeman was received on time as usual and was read with much interest by the boys, they have named it the Afro-American Clipper. Buddie Glenn, our eccentric comedian, is down with erysipelas. At Cripple Creek, Col., we met W. H. Fletcher, a former member of the company, and we were well entertained by him. Several of our members are on the sick list, viz: Manager Rusco, J. B. Rhone, William Slay and Buddie Robinson. "Big Squirrel" sends regards to "Little Squirrel." Joe Williams and Bennie Jones, the red-hot buck and wing dancer of Texas, are great cards West. The Georgia's were such a card at Pueblo that we had to play a return date in less than ten days and packed 'em in just the same if we'd never been there before. We were certainly favorites in Denver, but Terry and Stokes let 'Geogia' run out from under them. Regards to all. Send fifty copies.

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Mr. S. N. Edmonds made a flying trip through the city last week, going from Quincy, Ill., to Pittsburg, Pa., where he and his partner, Mr. Ed. H. Winn will open their engagement on the 25th. Mr. Edmonds is the supreme secretary of the B. O. of C. P., and as soon as they found him in the city they proceeded to entertain him in their royal manner. He seemed very much worn out from a long day's ride and begged to be excused from any indulgence, as he only had a few minutes' stop-over and it was his real intention to straighten up some business of the supreme body, which was done immediately after his arrival. But when he looked at his watch to see how much time he would have to make his train to Columbus he found that it had been gone just about an hour and forty-five minutes and the next train wouldn't be ready until 5 the next morning. The gang then had a haughty laugh and a general handshaking followed, which was very manifest and most particularly when the peculiar grip of the B. O. of C. P. was administered. However, when all was found to be present and accounted for, then the noble son of the Buckeye capitol proceeded to enjoy himself and there was a "hot time" in the old town that night.

The party consisted of Archie Greathouse, Supreme Treasurer, J. W. Hunter; Supreme Prelate, Elwood Knox, A. R. Moss and Dr. J. H. Ward, members of board of stewards; J. Harry Jackson, Assistant Supreme Secretary, and J. Ringold, inside sentinels. The party being completely exhausted from an extreme overflow of refreshments was supplied with carriages by Mr. Greathouse and proceeded to take in the city. Their sixty-seventh stop was at the club rooms of the B. O. of C. P., where Mr. Edmonds discovered that he just had seven minutes to make his next train, so snatching his grip and overcoat, and in one loud yell of, "Good-bye, boys," he struck up a lightening gait toward the Union Station and his parents haven't seen him since."

J. HARRY JACKSON.

A Budget of Newsy Jottings.

Dyersburg, Tenn., Special.—The Memphis District Conference for the A. M. E. church of the Ninth Episcopal District of West Tennessee, will convene at Salter's Chapel, on West Cedar street, this city, on Wednesday, March 30, at 10 a. m. It will be in session two days and will be presided over by Rt. Rev. M. B. Salter. Welcome address on behalf of the citizens, Dr. A. A. Greenle, M. D. Address of welcome in behalf of the church and clergymen, Dr. W. F. Baker, D. D., pastor First Baptist church. Response, Rev. G. S. Bowman, of the A. M. E. church. Prof. W. H. Fost, A. B., will also deliver an address, also Rev. Henry Barnett.

Messrs. John Henning, Marshal Tucker, John Alexander, Lucian Jones, Taylor McGhorry and James Daniel were the guests of Misses Mary, Myra and Lizzie Howard, Miss Lucy Harris and Cora Smith Friday. A pleasant time was the feature of the evening. * * Bonnett, Dr. C. S. Smith, of Nashville, is also expected to be present and give some interesting remarks relative to the Sunday-school union. Dr. J. K. Abby A. M., M. D., D. D., of Memphis, P. E., Rev. A. J. Fleming, pastor. Each Christian denomination is most cordially invited to be present. * * The subject for discussion before the B. Y. P. U. at the First Baptist church on Sunday evening, March 13, was: "The Mind of Jesus." The meeting was conducted by Mr. W. M. Hess. He also opened the discussion, followed by Messrs. Sam C. Carter, Will M. Thompson, Adolphus A. Scott, John Magget, Ovesce Adams, W. H. Fost, A. B. Mesdames Josie Sylsby, Sarah Brack, Winnie Thompson and Misses Blanche and Dinana Parr. The many speakers made some interesting remarks that are well worth quoting and will dwell among the good citizens of Dyersburg as tingling symbols. Go out and hear the interesting subjects discussed each Sunday afternoon by the members of this worthy Christian band. * * The rally of the C. M. E. church on Sunday, March 13, was a grand success spirtually and financially. The forty clubs made their respective reports and the handsome donations which they turned over to the financial board of the church proved they had not been idle. Dr. Greele's club took the lead, donating $11.30; H. S. River's club, second, donating, $10.10; Rev. Monroe Partee's club, third, donating $8.75; Mrs. Amanda Doyle's club, fourth, donating $8, and Mrs. Anna Hantin's club fifth, $5.75. The total amount received was $186.75. Each club was to have raised $5 or $200 for the forty clubs.* * The First Baptist gave a church festival at the U. B. F. hall on South Depot street on Thursday and Saturday nights in the interest of their church recently destroyed by fire. It was well patronized and quite a success financially. * * Mrs. Anna Cotton's infant child died on February 24. * * Mrs. Baat Pritchit is on the sick list. * * John Allen, of Hall's Station, Tennessee, lies dangerously ill at the Scott Anderson residence on South Connel avenue. * * Miss Clara Mulharon was the guest of Mrs. Anderson on Connell avenue on Thursday. * * John Davis spent Wednesday night in Newbern. * * George Lally, of the Lally dye works, has moved to 102 Stevens street. * * Reard The Freeman and know what your race is doing at home and abroad. Only five cents per copy or $1.50 per year in advance. * * H. Clay Walker, jr., city correspondent. Rev. Henry Bonnett city agent. * * Mrs. Mattie Bonnett is reported better at this writing. * * Will Bonnett is on the sick list. * * Will Oates, an enterprising farmer, has agreed to deliver to Wilson & Co., 9,000 spokes at $25 per thousand. * * Mrs. Mitch Yanse, of New Bethel, Tenn., still is dangerously ill at her home. * * Mrs. Amy Elam, of Milan, Tenn., will visit New Bethel soon, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. Yanse. * * Elijah Bonnett is selling a big lot of spokes. * * Ruben McElwee was in the city on Monday. * * Mesdames Fanny Wynne and Mat Wynne, of New Bethel, were in the city Saturday. * * Messrs. James, Smith and Lewis, the timber men, were in the city Saturday. * * Eliza Fowlkes has moved to Cedar street. * * Mrs. Haster Berry, guest of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Furguson, has returned to her home in Kentucky. Her departure was much regretted as she made many acquaintances and friends here during her short visit to this city. * * Allen Smith, of Fowler Station, has moved to the city. * * Rev. Will Hall was sick several days during the past week. * * Rev. G. B. Green is spending a few days at home, the guest of Mrs. Greer. * * Mrs. Povy Arnold was in the city on Friday. * * Dr. A. W. Greenlee is having some improvement made on the house. * * Mr. and Mrs. James Cook have moved to 96 Nichols avenue. * * Mrs. Charles Hunt has joined her husband in this city. They are living at 75 Cedar street.

Newsy Items.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.—The Merriweather and Cobb concert company, at Fifth Ward Baptist church, was well patronized. The following talent rendering selections: The Twilight Quartette consisting of Messrs. Hampton, Stelle and Prince, was a novel attraction. Mr. Hampton sang "Sweet Scenes of Childhood," Mr. Stelle "On the Banks of the Wabash," while Mr. Burney sang "There are Pearls in the Sea," all of which received great applause. Merriweather and Cobb concluded the performance with their musical renditions which were well received. * * George Perryman has converted his restaurant into an European one and has a bar in connection. * * M. H. Graham is running for tax collector. * * Mr. Perrida Gorham is in the field for sheriff. * * Dennis Rice gave his friends a surprise on Taylor Hill with his picannies. * * Mrs. Snordon is very ill at her home in South Clarksville. * * Will Parish and Clarence Stoner are improving.

Personal Mention.

Meridian, Miss., Special.—Robert Miller, who has been sick for quite a year, died on Wednesday the 16th. The funeral was held at New Hope, Thursday, the 17th. Rev. S. R. Rivers officiating. Mr. Miller was a Mason, which order turned out. * * Misses Lizzie and Kissie Smith, of Enterprise, visited the city last week. * * Miss S. J. Doby, of Enterprise, visited friends here last week. * * Mrs. D. Harris has been quite ill. * * Mrs. Sophia McCree is improving. * * The ladies of New Hope entertained in the lecture room Thursday, the 17th. Quite a neat sum was raised for the church. * * M. Murray was painfully injured at the depot Wednesday night the 16th. He is much improved at this writing. * * The Christian Endeavor society which met at the Congregational church Sunday evening was led by Mrs. H. I. Miller. A large number attended. Rev. Harris addressed the society. * * A. D. Ireland and Miss Anna Crawfor were married at the St. Paul church the 16th. Rev. Hibbler performed the ceremony. The contracting parties are both prominent in society. * * Rev. Watson commenced a revival at New Hope. A grand rally will take place at this church to-morrow. * * Rev. Hibbler preached a splendid sermon to a large congregation last Sunday.

Interesting Notes.

Huntington, W. Va., Special.—Lee Wade and Tom Stokes were up from Ashville last week. * * Will Hayes, of Charleston, is in town. * * Rev. Puller, D. D., came down from Pt. Pleasant and was imparting advice from the Baptist pulpit last Sunday. * * William Johnson, of Gallipolis, dropped in a few days last week. * * Miss A. E. Perdew, of Elliston, Va., who came here to attend the funeral of her brother, left for her home last Saturday. * * Wert Wilson, who has been on the sick list for some time, is better. * * Mrs. Lucy Ann Smith, familiarly known as Aunt Sant, a native of Virginia and one of Huntington's oldest citizens, died last week, seemingly of old age. Her funeral took place from the M. E. church Thursday at 2 p. m. and was largely attended by friends. Owing to the absence of Rev. Steele, now attending conference, Rev. Mr. Gosling officiated. * * Give the Freeman agent your items.

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I. "The locust eradicated every spire of green."
II. "The burns I deemed slight, proved fatal."
III. "Far across the sugar fields, shone the cabin lights."
IV. "Tho' master of the situation, yet his courage failed."
V. "Count the milestones as you go."
VI. "The sleet filled his eyes, nearly blinding him."
VII. "Down the long street they marched to the sound of fife and drum."
VIII. "The picket turned suddenly looking in my direction."
IX. "From the top of the bank she gazed eagerly upon the rushing waters."
X. "She loved the earl, yet her manner was distant."

Recognizing that many have neither time nor opportunity to search history for the names of American Generals, we herewith submit a list of twelve names, in which appears every name in above quotations:—Garfield, McClellan, Miles, Custer, Thomas, Burnside, Rosecrans, Longstreet, Lee, Pickett, Early, Banks.

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CHAPTER XXXIV.

The last Saturday of Brown's vacation, a party of young ladies (one of the "New Woman" girl clubs) drove up to the Stillwell house, bent upon having an Adamless good day's pleasure. Of course, woman like they were divided in opinions; some wanted to go afishing, some yachting, some stay at the old hotel and bang upon the back number piano. They all made their several selections and started off to enjoy themselves excepting one very pretty Miss who stood in doubt at the parlor door looking out upon the water.

"Well, Miss, how do you intend to enjoy the day?" asked Capt. Stillwell.

"I hardly know sir, but I would dearly like to row about this beautiful bay and down its romantic inlets. I say row, I mean to be rowed by an experienced oarsman. I am dearly fond of the water, and for several summers I have been going to Lake George where a young man I knew would row me for hours over the lake," she saw an inquiring look upon the old man's face, and added "I could not go to Lake George this summer, so perhaps the young man is rowing some other girl now."

"Lover's quarrel I suppose?" knowingly asked Capt. Stillwell. The young lady made no reply and the old man continued: "I have one of the finest row boats on the bay moored down there in charge of the finest oarsman in the country—just what you want, Miss."

"Very good sir," was her reply as they walked down to the water's edge, where Charles Forrester Brown sat in the bow of the beautiful canopy covered row boat "Utopia." He was deeply interested in a story in a weekly paper the copy of which he held before his face and therefore did not notice the approach of Capt. Stillwell and the young lady. "Here, young man! take your oars! here is a passenger for you. Row this lady up and down the inlets," said the captain. Brown heard him not so wrapped up was he with the romance he was reading. "I guess he's asleep," said the young woman. She was out for a day's enjoyment and concluded to have a little fun with the boatman, so waving her hand at the captain to keep still, she quietly untied the boat and jumped in giving it a push from shore and a shake from side to side which aroused Brown from his reading. He dropped the paper in the water and looked up at the bank where stood Capt. Stillwell. "Row this young lady about the bay Brown! What's the matter, reading a love story or asleep?"

Brown picked up the oars and made one or two good strokes before he looked up. The young lady was also looking back at the shore laughing at the old man, she turned just as Brown looked up their eyes met; those eyes had often met before. It was none other than Miss May Brandus. Both were surprised and both would have given worlds to have been out of the boat; both once more reached the same conclusion. She said to herself: "It would be cowardly in me to ask him to return to the shore, I'll let him row me; if he talks friendly as of yore I'll do the same, and enjoy it, but, if he starts to make love to me or does propose, I'll refuse him in a logical lady-like way. Forrester is too intelligent not to accept the situation." He reasoned thus: "I'll treat her just the same as I did the two strange young ladies I rowed yesterday. If she asks any questions about the points of view I'll tell her in a polite manner. I'll say not one word about the past."

They rowed on and on, in this inlet and out of that, for over an hour in silence. At last he rowed in a romantic inlet the counterpart of one on Lake George. A dream came over them both, they forgot the change and were on the beautiful Lake George once more; the May Brandus and Forrester Brown of the summer before. Both looked at the other at the same time, both smiled, both started to speak and both—aroused from the dream. Love had also been aroused, and each read the other's feelings through the eyes. Brown at once resolved to open a conversation as in days past, then propose and be refused in a polite logical way or perhaps (love always has hope) be accepted. She read his intentions through his eyes, she struggled and struggled with herself until she had regained her firm resolution to refuse him. Brown rested on his oars and let the boat drift as he had often done on Lake George. She trailed her hand in the water as of yore. Again their eyes met. There was at first a soft inquiring look in hers, in his the passionate pleadings of the lover. Thus they drifted for an hour, not a word was spoken with their tongues and lips, but through the medium of the eyes they held the greatest conversation of their lives, Brown with those manly black eyes asked her to give him her hand as he knew he had her heart. Those small blue eyes answered that their owner could not; they told the whys and wherefores. He replied, she likewise. Once or twice he started to speak in words and she as often prepared to say with her lips what she had said with her eyes.

We agree with Lord Byron that the language of the eyes often tells the feeling or decision of the heart when the lips do not, or the tongue utters a falsehood. The lips may say "no" and the eyes "yes." How those black eyes peered into those of blue; how their owners read each other's mind cannot be described by tongue or pen, as the eloquence of the eyes can only be told upon the canvas of the artist. At last Brown's eyes seemed to say: "Miss Brandus, the spirit of prejudice you so greatly fear, is fast disappearing like the mist of morn as the sun of civilization rises towards its zenith, and mankind leans, with the aid of a broader education and more enlightened mental vision, that neither race, color, caste, poverty or wealth make the man, and that we all have a common heritage of virtues and of failings—of love and hate—no matter from what race we come or to what race we belong. I concluded you had reached this opinion some time ago, but since you have not, permit me to say I will not again annoy you and truly wish that you will be happy in the future. I will try to be. You might do worse than marry me. I hope you will do better, if you marry a man whom society permits you to give your hand as well as your heart." Having said this with his eyes, he remarked with his lips: "We have gone the round of all the inlets Miss and as it's near dinner time shall I return?" His tone was polite and business like. She replied as if addressing a stranger. "Yes you might return I do not care to miss dinner."

He pulled for the shore where they parted as strangers; parted not to meet for years.

"I part with thee,
As wretches that are doubtful of hereafter,
Part with their lives; unwilling, loath and fearful,
And trembling at futurity."

CHAPTER XXXV.

Brown at once resolved to leave New York State and go West. He had saved the greater part of his earnings for some time past, to which he had added several hundred dollars by successful speculations on Wall street. He knew that Mr. Draper would think he acted dishonorable if he left after receiving two weeks vacation with pay, so he concluded to put some one in his place "until he came back." He called upon Mr. Draper at his house the Sunday after the parting from Miss Brandus, and told that gentleman that he had just learned that he must leave town on business, but would put a good man in his place "until he came back." Mr. Draper agreed and Brown at once prepared to leave New York. He left the following Wednesday; before he left he sent Miss May Brandus the following type written letter in a small box together with the ring he had bought for her. The letter bore neither day, date nor signature. It was addressed to no one, in fact it was more of a story than letter; it read:

"Most young women who are, or who have been in love like to read love stories, here is one: "Two young people dearly loved one another; both educated and of a literary mind, they were in every way equals, except one they were different—well, castes. The unwritten law of social society had decreed that such people should not intermarry under the penalty of social ostracism. The young lady counted the cost and decided to do what every true hearted woman does when parents and friends oppose her marriage to the man she loves; she resolved to forsake all others, and every thing; friends and society for the man she loved. She waited for him to make the formal plea for her hand (he had her heart) but he did not make it. He was a coward and feared society's decree. At last he made up his mind to propose, and knowing he would be accepted bought the engagement ring. The next morning an article appeared in one of the newspapers of the town which convinced his lover that she would be forever disgraced if she married a man of his caste (not his caste but race). After she had thus changed her mind they met upon the waters of a romantic bay he asked her (not in words) to be his wife, she refused him in the same manner he asked. They parted: he left for the West; not, however, before he had written to her telling how much he still loved her and sending her the ring he had bought for their engagement ring, and asking her to wear it for his sake. Did they ever meet again? Perhaps they did, if they did it was in the after years when it was too late. He signed himself

"Ever your friend.

"P. S.—The reader is respectfully informed this is a true story."

When May Brandus read the above she was herself again as of yore, Love entered her heart, but it was too late.

"Oh, Forrester! My dear Forrester do not leave me! Do not go West without me, I love you, I'll forsake the world for you."

It was Thursday morning when she received the letter if so we dare call it. "Where is Forrester" she asked Mr. Draper, "I have not seen him this week?"

"Why he's gone West on some business," said Draper.

"Will he be back?"

"I guess so, he left a man in his place until he returned." This reply made her heart feel glad until weeks and months passed by and word was received that Forrester would not return. Her heart was full of regrets and sorrow but—it was too late.

"And then did canker sorrow eat her bud
And chase the native beauty from her cheek."
"Forgive me, Valentine! if hearty sorrow
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Sincerely, Albert Ayers,
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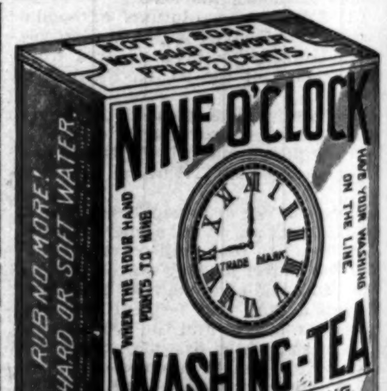

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RE-ORGANIZATION THE DOUGLASS CLUB—A SUIT FOR DAMAGES.

Mass Meeting—Personal Mention and Church Items—Our Knoxville Correspondent Writes Some.

Knoxville, Tenn., Special.—The colored citizens of Knoxville held a mass meeting at Maples Hall for the purpose of reorganizing the Frederick Douglass Republican Club. Joe W. Trigg was elected president, P. E. J. Yett secretary, Chas. C. Richardson treas. Committee on by-laws and constitution, W F. Yardley, J. E. Greenfield, W. Oliver Smith, Alex. Davis and W. Scott Hannum. Speeches were made by representatives from the different wards advocating the policy that the success of the Negro in politics depended upon a thorough organization. President Trigg spoke. The meeting adjourned to meet Monday, March 14, 1898. * * Frank Locke entered two suits in the Knox County Circuit Court against Robert K. Howard and E. W. Stratman. The suits are for $5,000 and $150. Messrs. Howard and Sartman were driving two fiery horses last Sunday, which ran away and collided with a horse and buggy occupied by Frank Locke and Mrs. Lizzie Streets. Locke's horse was killed outright and the buggy smashed to smitherens. Locke received a broken arm, a bruised head and other injuries. Mrs. Streets was injured internally very seriously. The $5,000 was for injuries received by Locke and the $150 for the horse and buggy. * * Mrs. James Leiper has been on the sick list for some time. * * Rev. F. R. White has been in Johnson City for the past week. * * Miss Sarah Ellison, of Abingdon, Va., is the guest of Mrs. Annie Jenings, on Nelson street. * * John Hamby has been on the sick list for a few days. * * Miss Flora Reynolds, of Powells Station, was in the city last week. * * Jasper E. Campbell, of Progressive, Tenn., passed through the city en route to Maryville. * * John H. Griffith, of Coal Creek, was in the city last week. * * Eva Porter, who has been visiting in the city for some time, left for Indianapolis, Ind., last week. * * Oscar Wells, who has been quite ill for some time is convalescing. * * G. A. Blair left for Loudon last week. * * Miss Maggie Luttrell returned to Johnson City last week to resume teaching. * * C. C. Dodson has a leaf of a native silver tree on exhibition in his show window. It was sent to him by John Lule, of Capetown, Africa. * * Miss Silvia Atkins, of New street, has been ill for several days. * * Lewis Hemmons was buried last week. * * Rev. J. B. Manson has gone to New York. * * The Knoxville Juvenile Concert Co. will give a sacred concert at Guilfield Baptist church March 14 and 15. The company consists of Misses Carrie Cole, Althea Jones, Sophia Crozer, Annie Erskins, Messrs. Geo. and Henry McDade, Wm. Jones, Wm. Ramsey, Wm. Wallace and Isaiah Martin. * * The young people of Shiloh Presbyterian church have organized a literary club. The object of the club is to read and discuss prominent authors and their works. * * Quite a large crowd greeted the Knoxville Juvenile Concert Co. at the Odd Fellows' Hall, March 3. The entertainment was above the average. * * The Willing Workers Club gave an entertainment at the residence of H. W. Keaton last Tuesday evening. Quite a large crowd was present. * * Chas. Hoyle, janitor at the court house, has the small-pox. * * The colored citizens of the city held a mass meeting at Logan Temple A. M. E. Zion church Friday night, March 11, denouncing the action of the mob at Lake City, S. C., and to raise a donation for the widow of the late Postmaster Baker.

The Freeman in Los Angeles, Cal.

H. C. Allen has taken the general agency for The Freeman, and will have on every issue plenty of copies for sale. The Freeman is offering special inducements for this season.—New Searchlight, Los Angeles, Cal.

Chilly.

"Poor papa!" said Ethel. "He has a dreadful cold."

"Must have caught it while sitting by himself," said Chollie, who knew how frigid the old gentleman could be when he tried.—London Tit-Bits.

The siege of Troy was mostly a myth. According to Homer's own figures, if there ever was such a man as Homer, Helen must have been at least 60 years of age when she first met Paris, and even in the heroic period of the world women of that age were a trifle passe.

TWO TOILERS.

Two men toiled side by side from sun to sun,
And both were poor;
Both sat with children when the day was done
About their door.

One saw the beautiful in crimson cloud
And shining moon;
The other, with his head in sadness bowed,
Made night of noon.

One loved each tree and flower and singing bird
On mount or plain;
No music in the soul of one was stirred
By leaf or rain.

One saw the good in every fellow man,
And hoped the best;
The other marveled at his master's plan,
And doubt confessed.

One, having heaven above and heaven below;
Was satisfied;
The other, discontented, lived in woe,
And hopeless died.

—Boston Transcript.

INSANE MURDERERS.

The Question of Responsibility and Punishment For the Crime.

It may well be that a man who could not be called insane, but merely, say, an ordinary member of the criminal classes, with strong passions and feeble intellect, would in the presence of an opportunity long expected and hoped for, the consequences of which his thoughts had frequently rehearsed, be really for the moment incapable of restraining his hand. We should hang him, nevertheless, without the slightest scruple, and we should waste no compassion upon the absence of self control. It is, in fact, impossible to frame a definition of irresponsibility based upon absence of self control without including all sorts of crimes which at present are punished by the law. For years back there has been a sort of feud between the lawyers and the alienists on the subject, so that even the textbooks speak of legal insanity and medical insanity as distinct.

To take extreme cases, jurists have contended that no degree of insanity should exempt from punishment for crime unless it has reached such a point that the person is utterly unconscious of the difference between right and wrong at the time of committing the offense, while medical men have very generally held to the opinion that this is not a proper criterion, that many of the insane are fully conscious of the difference between right and wrong and that to enforce such a test means the hanging of many a lunatic. There can be no doubt that of late years the medical view has met with a wider acceptance than it used to do and that even lawyers have shown an increasing readiness to admit the doctrine of irresponsibility. But it is a very anxious question, especially in view of recent dogmas as to degeneracy, how far this doctrine is to be allowed to go.

The condition of affairs is much more serious than some people think, and it is highly necessary that those who administer the criminal law should be on their guard against any insidious establishment of immunity for the violation of its most sacred principles. In any case of murder the presumption in favor of hanging should be so strong as to leave very slender prospect of escape for any man who prior to the commission of his crime had been thought fit to be at large. If this condition cannot be secured, it will become a matter of grave necessity to take prompt steps for the incarceration of many people of evil passions who are now at liberty and to render the utterance of threats a matter to be dealt with by the alienist as well as by the magistrate.—London Hospital.

SOCIETY IN SIBERIA.

Hostess and Guests Frequently Retire to the Kitchen to Cook and Eat.

"At one of the grand balls I attended at Krasnoyarsk," writes Thomas G. Allen, Jr., of "Fashionable Siberia," in The Ladies' Home Journal, "I was impressed by the profusion of flowers used in the decoration of the ballroom, and which had been imported from Europe at enormous expense, and also by the importance given to the matter of refreshments. Although there appeared to be about four girls to one man, the male portion of the company spent the greater part of the evening at the buffet, or zokooski table, eating and drinking. The conversation of the women, I found, was most conventional, and one could invariably anticipate the same remarks upon an introduction to a lady. Knowledge of French, which I was surprised to find few could speak, is considered the most graceful feminine accomplishment.

"The kitchen, however, has for the lady of the land a peculiar fascination. Very often while dressed in silks and satins and conversing with her guests a hostess will proceed to fry a 'blin,' or pancake and eat it with the greatest gusto. The other ladies are at liberty to follow the hostess' example if they choose."

French and English Crusoes.

French men of letters have not enough of the audacious spirit of the English, says Henry D. Sedgwick in The Atlantic. They troop to Paris, where they have been accustomed to sit on their classical benches since Paris became the center of France. The romance of Villon is the romance of a Parisian thief. The romance of Ronsard is the romance of the Parisian salon. Montaigne lives on his seigniory while England is topsy turvy with excitement of new knowledge and new feeling. Corneille has the nobleness of a jeune fille. You can measure them all by their ability to plant a colony. Wreck them on a desert island, Villon will pick blackberries, Ronsard will skip stones, Montaigne whittle, Corneille look like a gentleman, and the empire of France will not increase by a hand's breadth. Take a handful of Elizabethan poets, and Sidney would chop, Shakespeare would cook, Jonson dig, Bacon snare, Marlowe catch a wild ass, and in 24 hours they would have a log fort, a score of savage slaves, a windmill, a pinnace, and the cross of St. George flying on the tallest tree.

Caloric.

The emotional litterateur had just written a piece of which he was very proud. The editor looked it over and then said:

"Do you candidly think such opinions ought to go into cold type?"

"I don't know much about the practical work of printing," was the reply, "but I don't believe it makes any difference. Even if the type is cold, I guess that article will take the chill off it."—Washington Star.

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THE HORSE'S SHOES.

HOW OFTEN THEY NEED REPLENISHING AND WHAT THEY COST.

Resetting Old Shoes Costs About Half as Much as New Ones—The Use of Rubber Pads—Carriage Horses' Shoes Cost More Than Those of Work Horses.

A work horse's shoes cost a good deal more than its driver's shoes do. Truck horses, delivery wagon horses and the great number of horses used for various working purposes, including many horses driven to hacks and other public carriages, are ordinarily shod once a month at a cost of $2.50, so that the work horse's shoes are likely to cost $30 a year anyway, and there may be some additional expense for sharpening and resetting.

Sharpening costs $1.50. Whether this is necessary or not depends, of course, primarily upon the weather. It may depend much upon the time of day the horse is driven. There may be seasons in which sharpening is not necessary. Not all drivers get the shoes of their horses sharpened even when the going is slippery. Such going may come about suddenly and unexpectedly, and it may be of brief duration, and then there are drivers who under ordinary circumstances take the risk of the greater cost of a broken shaft or an injured animal to save the cost of sharpening. Of work horses in general probably something more than half have their shoes sharpened when the going is slippery. There are some, however, whose shoes are almost all kept sharpened at such times, these being the horses that work at night and in the early morning before the sun has softened the ice or melted it away. These include horses driven to milk wagons, bakers' horses, and so on, how often the shoes are sharpened depending on the going.

Usually when a horse is shod he is shod all around. Sometimes there is occasion to put on a single shoe, as when a horse throws a shoe. The cost of a single new shoe is one-fourth the cost of a set—in the case of a work horse 63 cents. The charge for resetting the old shoe would be 35 cents. Resetting in general, from one shoe up, costs about one-half, or a little more than half, as much as fitting a horse with new shoes. In putting on a single shoe an old shoe would commonly be used, to make it match those remaining on. If it is not too much worn, the shoe the horse has cast would be put back if the driver picked it up. It is suitable and it fits If it has not been picked up, then a slipper is put on from the pile in the shop, slipper being the shop name of the worn shoe taken off and thrown aside when a horse is reshod.

Horses have peculiarities in wearing their shoes, just as men do. Some wear them off more at the toe, some more at the heel, and some wear them more on one side than on the other. Horses' shoes wear off more quickly on granite pavements than they do on asphalt, and the greatly increased use of asphalt pavement has led to a correspondingly increased use of rubber pads in horses' shoes to give the horses a better foothold. Rubber pads, as well as the shoes, are fitted to the horse's foot and nailed on with the shoe. Shoes with rubber pads of this kind for work horses, cost, put on, $4 or $5 a set. They are likely to wear longer than shoes without pads, but they are commonly replaced or reset at the end of a month. The necessity for reshoeing the horse at intervals of about a month is due in a considerable degree to the natural growth of the horse's hoofs, which require trimming or other attention about once in so often. In the case of iron shoes, at the end of a month, when they are taken off, they are likely to be too much worn to go another month, and new shoes are put on. In the case of rubber pad shoes, if they are not too much worn, they are reset, and this may be done in perhaps 40 or 50 per cent of the cases. Sometimes the old shoes may be put back with new pads, sometimes the old pads with new shoes. It depends a good deal on the manner in which the horse wears them. So that while the first cost of rubber pad shoes is considerably greater than that of plain shoes the net cost is not so much greater.

The price charged for shoeing a private coach or carriage horse is $1 more than for shoeing a work horse, or $3.50, and rubber pad shoes, such as those described, for carriage horses cost $5 or $6 a set. Such horses are reshod ordinarily, like most horses, once a month, and as a rule their shoes are also reset in the middle of the month. And the shoes of private carriage horses are more commonly kept sharpened in slippery weather than are those of work horses. Women are more likely to be disturbed by the slipping of a horse than a man would be, and the carriage horses are usually more valuable than work horses, and less risk of injury is taken.

In some cases it might be that the charge for shoeing a horse, either a carriage horse or a work horse, would be according to the time required rather than by the job, as, for example, in the case of a lame horse, in shoeing which more than the usual time would be needed. Shoes are made and fitted to meet any requirement, and the cost might be, according to the amount of work and time expended, from $1 to $5 for a single shoe.—New York Sun.

The Critics.

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Easter Big Four at the Second Baptist church Monday evening, April 11.

Somthing definite about Cuba by the Hon. G. L. Jones at the Easter Big Four.

Levi Morris, of 1319 Raymond street, was arrested Saturday for jumping on the cars. He was fined $1 and costs.

The sqwabble of the house of commons at the Easter Big Four, one of the shrewdest features of the program.

Mr. Milton Gentry, of 362 West Eleventh street, is erecting a beautiful two-story residence, which is nearing completion.

Mr. Frank Brown will render a solo to-morrow evening at the Ninth Presbyterian church. Miss Myrtle Hart will accompany him.

Four additional rooms have been ordered by the school commissioners for schools 23 and 24 at a cost of $13,000 and $15,,000 respectively.

The Easter Big Four tickets are going very fast. Everybody should purchase their tickets now. They may be secured at the church after each service.

Smith Payne was arraigned in the Criminal court last Monday morning upon the charge of stealing chickens in Wayne township. He pleaded not guilty.

In selecting your spring suits don't forget to examine the metropolitan styles displayed by T. W. Fleming, the tailor, 316 Indiana avenue.

Rev. Mrs. Lizzie Butts, of Evansville, Ind., will preach at Jones Tabernacle to-morrow morning and evening. She will also assist Rev. Wakefield in his spring revival.

Marion Lodge, No. 5, Knights of Pythias organized a Calanthe Court at their Castle Hall last Friday evening. It gives promise to be a successful adjunct to the secret organizations of the city.

The "Lone Star Quartette," with Mr. Edward Toliver as manager and Mr. Merritt brown as basso, will render their favorite and excellent selections at the Musical Symposium at Bethel A. M. E. Church, Tuesday evening, March 29.

Henry Walcup was arrested Monday chaged with stealing a bicycle. He was trying to sell the wheel when he was arrested. Walcup claims the bicycle was given him by another colored man to sell.

We invite our readers to give consideration to the advertisement of the Palace Dry Goods and Manufacturing Co., on the last page. They will treat you right and guarantee you satisfaction.

The annual sermon of the Knights of Pythias will be preached at Bethel A. M. E. Church, Sunday, March 27, at 3 p. m. Rev. J. W. Carr, of the Second Baptist Church, will deliver the sermon.

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You will miss a rare treat if you do not hear the Magic City Quartette, Mr. Jeseph Staten, manager, at the Musical Symposium at Bethel A. M. E. church, Tuesday evening, March 29.

The Progressive Union Literary society passed resolution at their meeting last Thursday evening, denouncing the recent cake walk given at Tomlinson hall, as degrading to the colored race.

The funeral of Willis Staton occurred last Tuesday afternoon under the auspices of the United Brothers of Friendship, of which he was a member. His funeral obsequies were held at the Second Baptist church.

The officers of the Progressive Social club will entertain the members and their escorts next Thursday evening from 8 to 12 p. m. at the residence of the vice-president, Miss Mary Johnson. 419 West Fourteenth street.

The police as yet have been unable to capture the colored man who stabbed R. F. Corey, the street car conductor, at Ohio and Illinois streets last Friday night. Messrs. Samuel Harper and James Stratford, who were arrested on suspicion, were immediately discharged.

Witness the musical wrangle at the Easter Big Four, April 11, at the Second Baptist church.

Our readers are especially invited to visit the New Shoe Store at (new) 217 Indiana avenue, where they can find a full line of the latest styles and colors of ladies', gents', misses' and children's shoes at rock bottom prices. Mr. S. E. Hedrick, the proprietor, is a genial gentleman, and he guarantees "honest goods at lowest prices." He earnestly solicits your patronage. See his advertisement on the local page.

In the police court, Monday morning six white men and three Negroes, charged with vagrancy, were fined $5 and costs each. Minnie Evans, colored, told the court that Sunday evening the gang were sitting around a bonfire near the bentwood works, on the Vandalia railroad tracks, in West Indianapolis, and as she was passing the place they made indecent proposals and then attempted to assault her. She made her escape and an alarm at police headquarters brought Bicycle Patrolmen Holtz and Wallace, who found the gang in a box-car and placed them under arrest.

Personal and Society.

Mrs. Nellie Lamont-Smith is visiting relatives in Terre Haute, Ind.

Mr. Willis Mallory has returned from a visit to his mother in Chicago.

Just the thing you ought to hear—a talk of physical culture at the Easter Big Four.

Shepard N. Edmonds spent several hours in the city last week, enroute to Pittsburg.

For the first time see the battleship Maine Avengers at the Easter Big Four.

Mrs. Sarah Hill and Miss Minnie Williams, of Connersvills, were in the city Sunday.

Messrs. Harry Bass and John Pierce, of Connersville, spent Sunday in the city the guest of friends.

Miss Mary Wilson attended the funeral obsequies of the late Hon. B. K. Bruce, in Washington, D. C., last Monday.

Everyone should attend the Easter Big Four at the Second Baptist church, April 11. Admission to suit the times—10 cents.

Mr. Curtis Harris and Miss Lillian Ward were married last Tuesday evening at the home of the bride, in North Missouri street.

Mrs. Woodward Stewart, of Noblesville, after a serious illness was able to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Vaughn, of 527 Indiana avenue.

Hear the great harpist, Sig. Ginseppe Marone, the Italian harpist from Chicago, Ill., at the Easter Big Four.

Prof. William M. Lewis, of school No 24, was the recipient this week of a box of fine California oranges, the gift of Mr. William H. Reynolds, a former Indianapolitan. Mr. Reynolds also sends regards to his acquaintances.

Prof. J. A. Sterrett will give his Easter Bill on Monday, April 11, at the dancing academy on New York street, between Capitol avenue and Illinois streets. All reputable persons are invited to attend. Mr. Harry St. Clair, the champion whistler of America, will give an exhibition of his whistling for the benefit of those who attend. It will be a treat to hear him. Refreshments will be served free to all.

At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Sarah Ross, of 1022 Lafayette street, in the presence of a few relatives and intimate friends, Miss Mammie Ross and Mr. Oliver J. Benson were united in marriage last Wednesday, March 16, at 8 o'clock. The bride was becomingly attired in white organdie and carried Bride's roses. The groom was attired in the usual and conventional black. The happy pair left on Thursday morning for Springfield, Ill., in which city they expect to reside. The Freeman congratulates them.

The American Signet, a paper published in the interests of colored Masons in Fort Worth, Texas, has the following to say concerning a well-known Scottish Rite Mason of this city. Dr. S. A. Furniss, 32d, of Indianapolis, Ind., is the Commander-in-chief of Constantine Consistory. He is a learned and practicing physician and by his honesty, industry and integrity and strict application to business has won for himself the respect and esteem of all of the people in his State.

A Card of Thanks.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 16, 1898.—We desire to extend our thanks to the Tuxedo and Herculean Clubs, also to Sacred Heart Tabernacle daughters and friends for the kindness rendered during the death of our late son Fred Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander.

A Musical Feast.

The hit of the season, a grand unique concert will be given at Jones Tabernacle, Tuesday, March 29. There will be fine choruses and selections rendered by the eight choirs. Folowing: Allen Chapel, Simpson Chapel, Corinthian Baptist, Second Baptist, Zion Baptist, Calvary Baptist, Antioch Baptist and Jones Tabenacle. The following participants: Invocation by Rev. Blackshear; address by Mr. G. L. Knox, instrumental by Mr. E. Dixon, solo by Mrs. Nettie Mathews, selection by Mrs. Roxie, B. Hall, solo by Miss Maude Mitchell, selection by Mrs. Maggie Primms, quartette—Mrs. Nettie Mathews, Mrs. Bell Kennedy. Mr. George McCoy, Mr. Collins selection by Miss Jossie Easton.

Allen Chapel Notes.

One accession to the church last Sunday.

Miss Eva Mitchell is convalescing.

Rev. Joseph preached a very instructive sermon last Sunday morning.

Prof. Woodson, of Wilbeforce, O., preached to a large crowd last Sunday evening, notwithstanding the inclement weather.

The young ladies of the church gave a reception last Saturday evening to Prof. Woodson at the pastor's residence.

Mrs. Pauline Prater has returned to her home in Princeton after a two weeks' visit in the city.

The auxiliary met last Thursday at the residence of Mrs. Lizzie Streats.

The Christian Endeavor was led last Monday evening by Miss Beatrice Sleet.

Mrs. Annie Cox will be the leader next week.

The Junior Christian Endeavor was led last Friday afternoon by Miss Mattie Mitchell. The seniors should come out and learn a lesson from the children. They are doing excellent work.

Next meeting the missionary society will hold memorial services in memory of the late Mrs. Bishop Turner. Every one is cordially invited to come. A nice program will be arranged.

A very nice program was rendered last Monday afternoon.

To-morrow is grand rally day. Rev. H. E. Stewart, of Washington, O., will be with us and preach. All the members are expected to be at their posts.

Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Murray will be at home, 702 E. Pratt street, to receive their friends at the twelfth anniversary of their marriage, Thursday, March 30, 1898, Indianapolis, Ind, from 2 p. m. to 10:30 p. m. All are invited.

POLITICAL POTPOURRI.

Judge McCray appointed three colored men on the jury in his room this week.

There should be honor, even in politics. A man's word should be above par, if he is in a convention.

Mr. John Browning, the popular Monon conductor, will show up with considerable strength in his race for county auditor.

Mr. John A. Puryear says he has not retired from the political arena, but on the other hand is an active member in good standing.

Messrs. Charles E. Stapp, James Hurt, William Pierce, Gabriel L. Jones and Joseph Lane have been appointed deputy assessors.

Mr. Eugene Saulcy is still being pushed by his friends to make the race for auditor, as opposed to Messrs James Browning and Harry B. Smith.

The race for county treasurer is indeed getting to be interesting to say the least. Messrs. Robinson, Koehne and Wallace are "lining" up their foces for a battle royal.

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A Special Invitation.

Xenia, O., Special.—Mr. Hardie P. Howard is running for assessor in the Sixth ward. Voters remember him. * * The Hardtime social given at Mrs. Rachel Washington's was quite successful. * * The indoor picnic given at the rink the 17th was quite successful and was largely attended. * * The Odd Fellows reunion was held Thursday night the hall was crowded with members and friends and they enjoyed themselves to the highest degree. * * The lecture given by Bishop Arnett, at St. John's A. M. E. Church was well attended. His subject was: "The Needs of the Hour. * * The ladies of St. John's A. M. E. church are preparing to give a quiet social in the near future. * * Dr. H. R. Hawkins is running for councilman in the Fourth ward. * * Miss Berry, of Wilberforce, was the guest of friends Thursday. * * Subscribe for

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